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**Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open**

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

**Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 17**

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at Whites Residential and Family Service, 5233 S. 50 East.

**Swayzee Lions Club plans euchre event**

The Swayzee Lions Club has planned a euchre event for Saturday, Jan. 18 at Swayzee United Methodist Church, 306 S. Washington St., Swayzee. The entry fee is \$12.50. Registration will last from noon to 12:45 p.m. Play begins at 1 p.m. There will be cash prizes for: Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two entry fee drawings. Soft drinks, hot dogs, chips, popcorn and candy will be available for a donation. All proceeds support the Lions Club Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Joe Hamilton at 765-922-7280 or Terry Shaw at 765-667-4848.

**Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 21**

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21

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## Moms Demand Action advocates for gun violence prevention

Over 200 volunteers, including local chapter, gathered Monday at Statehouse

BY ROB BURGESS  
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More than 200 volunteers with the Indiana Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, part of Everytown for Gun Safety, gathered Monday at the Indiana Statehouse to advocate for gun violence prevention, according to Patricia Rettig, communications lead.

Volunteers met with doz-

ens of lawmakers to discuss their gun safety priorities for the current legislative session.

### Call to action

Wabash County is part of the Fort Wayne and surrounding areas local group.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Friday, Erica Jamison, of Huntertown and co-lead of the local group, stated she was scheduled to

meet with Sen. Liz Brown, R- Fort Wayne; Rep. Ben Smaltz, R-Auburn; and Rep. Phil GiaQuinta, D-Fort Wayne.

Jamison stated she felt it was important to attend Monday's demonstration because of her concern for her three sons along with other children. She said she first joined the group last year after the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida.

"I decided after that point that I could not live with myself if I didn't stand up

for my children and other children around the country," she stated. "For me, no parent should have to endure losing their children to massive shootings. We have had so many shootings it makes my heart ache."

Jamison listed the string of mass shootings over the past few years which caused her to spring to action.

"I could go on but my heart aches," she stated. "We want our voices to be heard so that we want some common-sense gun laws."

### Active shooter drills

Jamison stated that two weeks ago, right before Christmas break, someone at her nephews' school in Michigan pressed the active shooter button because "they did not know if it was real or not."

"My one nephew ran to sports club along with the rest of his classmates," she stated. "My other nephew was barricaded inside his classroom. He recorded the

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## Trolley No. 85 2020 Experience tours lineup announced

Visit Wabash County sets this year's schedule

### Staff Report

Visit Wabash County has released the 2020 Trolley No. 85 Experience Tours lineup, according to a press release.

The 2020 lineup includes:  
 ■ **Not-So-Newlywed Tour:** 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 1. "Calling all couples for an evening of smiles, laughs, and full bellies," stated the release. "Experience live music on your trolley ride to an authentic Greek meal at Roann's Little Cathedral. Also, have a good belly laugh watching live couples' trivia guest-starring Mayor Scott Long."

■ **St. Trolley's Day:** March 14. "Hop aboard Trolley No. 85 and travel between three stops where libations and Irish themed appetizers will be enjoyed by all," stated the release. "Stops include Chapman's Brewing Co., Brandt's Harley-Davidson, and Harry's Old Kettle Pub & Grill. Grab your favorite leprechauns and make this a night to remember."

■ **Historic Buildings Tour:** May 23. "Get a behind the scenes tour of three historic buildings located in Wabash County and hear the rich history and characteristics that each possess," stated



PHOTO PROVIDED

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the release.

■ **Taste of Wabash Tour:** June 20. "Taste your way around Wabash County by traveling to four mouthwatering stops," stated the release. "Enjoy the local cuisine while hearing from the

chefs at each location."

■ **Local Farm Hop Tour:** Aug. 8. "Get a behind the scenes tour of local farms in Wabash County, including David Doud's Countyline Orchard. More are details coming soon," stated the

release.

■ **Fright Night Tour:** Oct. 23 and 24. "Be prepared for a night of spooktacular fun," stated the release. "Local historian

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## Honeywell Singers Show Choir officially launches

Program under direction and accompaniment of 2 Wabash educators

### Staff Report

The Honeywell Foundation has officially launched the newest addition to its Educational Outreach Program, Honeywell Singers Show Choir, according to a press release.

The Honeywell Singers Show Choir is under the direction of Choir Director Sarah Fadil and is accompanied by Principal Accompanist Judy Ward.

"Honeywell Singers is a performing arts group for students in grades kindergarten through 12 who desire to have fun learning music performance and choreography," stated the release. "Honeywell Singers will have the opportunity to perform at Honeywell Foundation properties including their own performances and

various chances to perform on stage with nationally-known music performance acts. In the 2020 spring semester, Honeywell Singers will also perform in the annual Foundation for Art and Music in Education (FAME) Festival with youth choirs from Huntington and Marion."

Honeywell Singers will be included in the lineup of the opening event for Eagles Theatre in 2020.

Fadil earned her undergraduate degree in music performance from Indiana Wesleyan University. Fadil works as a professional voice and piano instructor at Sweetwater Academy in Fort Wayne. Fadil is an alumna of the Honeywell Summer Theatre Program.

Ward works as the Prin-

icipal Accompanist for the Wabash City Schools Choral Department. Ward is a retired music educator and serves as the Music Director for Wabash Area Community Theatre and Wabash Christian Church. Ward also works as the third through sixth grade Director for the Honeywell Summer Theatre Program.

Registration for Honeywell Singers is open now through Monday, Jan. 27.

A Meet the Director Reception will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19 in the Nixon Room at the Honeywell Center.

Honeywell Singers Show Choir Structure begins with the "Overtures" (grade levels kindergarten through second) from 3 to 3:45 p.m.; the "Voices" (grade levels third through sixth) from 4 to 5:30 p.m.; "Virtuosos"

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## Paradise Spring to hold annual meeting, soup supper

Special guest will be Lincoln impersonator

### Staff Report

Paradise Spring will hold its annual meeting and soup supper carry-in at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the multi-purpose room of the Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St., according to a press release.

The meal is free but reservations are appreciated and should be made by Monday, Jan. 20. Please enter the east door of the east parking lot. Donations will be accepted to help maintain the cabins at Paradise Spring.

The special guest for the evening will be Abraham Lincoln, played by Murray

Cox, who will speak about his early legal career. Cox has been portraying Lincoln for many years and always has new information to share.

Paradise Spring is a 501(c)3 whose mission is to maintain the structural integrity and historical accuracy of the log cabins located on the geographical site of the 1826 Treaty between the U.S. government and the indigenous Indian tribes. And to encourage and support the many educational and recreational opportunities available to the public through use of the park's facilities.

Paradise Spring is always looking for volunteers to help with maintenance, re-enactments and general programming.

For more information, call Deanna at 260-571-2879.

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# Officials: Jet fuel lands on Los Angeles school playgrounds

**BY STEFANIE DAZIO**  
Associated Press

CUDAHY, Calif. — Fuel dumped by an airliner making an emergency return Tuesday to Los Angeles International Airport due to an engine problem fell onto three schools, causing minor irritation to 40 children and adults, officials said.

The incident occurred around noon in the Cudahy area of southeastern Los Angeles County, about 13 miles east of the airport.

Los Angeles Unified School District police Sgt. Rudy Perez said 28 students and adults were affected at Park Avenue Elementary and 12 others at 93rd Street Elementary, but none needed to be taken to hospitals.

Jordan High was also affected but no one was treated there, he said.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Inspector Henry Narvaez said the fuel had dissipated by the time it

reached the ground but the children and adults could smell it.

Narvaez said the patients complained of mild skin irritation and were treated with soap and water.

There were no evacuation orders for the immediate area.

The school district said in a statement that paramedics were immediately called to treat anyone complaining of “skin irritation or breathing problems” and that its environmental health and safety office also responded.

Park Avenue sixth-grader Diego Martinez said he and his classmates were outside for physical education class when they saw the airplane flying low overhead.

“It was very close,” he said. Shortly afterwards the air filled with the pungent odor of fuel.

“It was very strong, the odor,” the 12-year-old said. Diego wasn’t doused but some of his friends complained that their skin was itching.

The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement that Delta Air Lines Flight 89 headed to Shanghai, China, declared an emergency after leaving Los Angeles International Airport, returned and landed without incident.

The FAA said it was looking into the reports of school-children being affected.

Delta Air Lines said in a statement that Flight 89 “experienced an engine issue requiring the aircraft to return to LAX. The aircraft landed safely after an emergency fuel release to reduce landing weight.”

The FlightAware website’s track of the flight showed the jet took off over the ocean and made an immediate turn back toward land and circled back over Southern California to approach the airport from the east.



**VOLUNTEERS:** More than 200 volunteers with the Indiana Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, part of Everytown for Gun Safety, gathered Monday at the Indiana Statehouse to advocate for gun violence prevention.

## MOMS

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chaos and the fear of those children. My nephew outside was crying because his brother was inside and he didn’t know if he was going to be OK; dead or alive. My sister-in-law sent me the video of her son. I couldn’t watch it because it made me sick. Those kids went through shock and trauma without any loss. Is this OK? In our society today, is this OK? For me, it’s not.”

Also, Jamison stated her son, who is a freshman at Carroll High School, “came home a mess because he said the active shooter drill was so real.”

“He said, ‘Mom, I will never give you a hard time for wanting to protect us because it was so scary,’” she stated. “So, for everyone out there, (we) want something done. We want to keep our kids safe.”

**Proposed legislation**

Jamison listed a few of the gun laws she and others in the group would like to see enacted, including:

■ **Requiring background checks on all gun sales** “so people exhibiting warning signs, minors and people with dangerous histories can’t evade our gun laws and get their hands on guns.”

■ **Raising the age to purchase a semiautomatic firearm to 21.** “I feel if you can’t buy a beer at 18, why would someone be able to buy a semiautomatic firearm? I know my son is 15 years old and at 18 I would not want him purchasing

a firearm at that age,” she stated.

■ **Responsible firearm storage laws.** “So, if a parent or someone isn’t properly storing their gun and an accident happens they can be held responsible,” she stated.

“We aren’t looking to take away anyone’s guns,” she

stated. “We just want some common-sense laws to help keep our children safe. No, this won’t correct the problem overnight but if you and you and I step up one at a time we can make a change. I just don’t want any more tragedies to happen.”

For more information, visit [momsdemandaction.org](http://momsdemandaction.org).

**Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, January 10 - Thursday, January 16**  
*All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.*

**Like A Boss (R)**  
Fri: 6:50, 9:30  
Sat: 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:30  
Sun: 1:00, 3:55, 6:50 Mon-Thurs: 6:50

**Star Wars: Episode IX - The Rise of Skywalker (PG13)**  
Fri: 6:20, 9:10  
Sat: 12:40, 3:45, 6:20, 9:10  
Sun: 12:40, 3:45, 6:20 Mon-Thurs: 6:20

**Underwater (PG13)**  
Fri: 7:15, 9:55  
Sat: 1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 9:55  
Sun: 1:15, 4:05, 7:15 Mon-Thurs: 7:15

**Jumanji: The Next Level in 2D (PG13)**  
Fri: 7:00, 10:05  
Sat: 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 10:05  
Sun: 1:25, 4:15, 7:00 Mon-Thurs: 7:00

**Little Women (PG)**  
Fri: 6:40, 9:40  
Sat: 12:50, 3:45, 6:40, 9:40  
Sun: 12:50, 3:45, 6:40 Mon-Thurs: 6:40

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**Wednesday**  
Scattered Rain  
47 / 22

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
30 / 24

**Friday**  
Snow Likely  
32 / 26

**Saturday**  
Rain Likely  
39 / 17

**Sunday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
20 / 12

**Sun and Moon**

Today's sunset ..... 5:44 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 8:10 a.m.

**Last**  
1/17

**New**  
1/24

**First**  
2/1

**Full**  
2/9

**Detailed Local Outlook**

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 55% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 47°, humidity of 94%. South wind 6 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 22°. West northwest wind 10 to 17 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 12°.

# Popcorn lung, cobalt lung linked to vaping

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Our family is worried; my 18-year-old grandson won’t give up vaping. How many people have gotten sick? We just read about something called popcorn lung.

What is that?

**ELIZABETH KO & EVE GLAZIER**  
Ask the Doctors



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one of several federal agencies monitoring the outbreak, publishes regular updates about the number of cases of vaping illness, as well as the deaths it has caused. As of December, at least 2,400 hospitalizations due to lung injuries associated with vaping have been reported to the CDC from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. At least 52 people in 26 states and the District of Columbia have died. Doctors and surgeons compare the lung injuries they’re seeing to the kinds of chemical burns usually associated with industrial accidents.

But statistics can be a hard sell, particularly for teenagers. Maybe the case of a 17-year-old boy in Detroit, who recently underwent a double lung transplant after falling ill from vaping, will help make the risks seem more real.

One of the striking things about the outbreak is the number of rare lung conditions doctors are now diagnosing. One of these is hard-metal pneumoconiosis, commonly referred to as “cobalt lung.” It’s a form of pneumonia usually seen in people with long-term exposure to the airborne particulates caused by metal grinding.

Another is bronchiolitis obliterans, or “popcorn lung,” which is the disease you’re asking about. The nickname arises because the disease is linked to a butter-flavored chemical called diacetyl, which was once used in the manufacture of microwave popcorn. This rare form of bronchitis causes the tiny airways within the lungs, known as bronchioles, to become inflamed. This results in tissue damage, including scarring, which thickens and blocks the airways.

Symptoms of popcorn

lung include a persistent dry cough and shortness of breath, which become more pronounced during exertion. Additional symptoms can include fatigue and wheezing that are not associated with asthma or illness. Diagnosis often begins with tests to determine lung function. Since chest X-rays can often appear normal in the early stages of the disease, high-resolution imaging tests such as a chest CT scan are often used. There is no cure at this time, so treatment focuses on managing symptoms to slow the progression of the disease. Depending on the individual case, this can include medication to lessen the body’s immune response and to ease inflammation. Antibiotics, cough suppressants and supplemental oxygen may also be used. In extreme cases, a lung transplant may

be necessary.

Fortunately, there is also good news. Statistics show that the pace of the vaping illness outbreak is slowing. In addition, research now points to black-market vape products as a source of many of the lung injuries. Still, very little is known about the long-term effects of any kind of vaping. Unless they’re using legitimate products in order to stop smoking, we recommend that our patients don’t vape. The risks of this as a recreational practice are just too great.

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### READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

#### MONDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5  
12-15-22-36-43  
Jackpot: \$312,000  
Cash4Life  
07-08-16-20-35, Cash Ball: 2  
Daily Three-Midday  
6-1-5, SB: 2  
Daily Three-Evening  
8-9-2, SB: 5  
Daily Four-Midday  
8-6-6-8, SB: 2  
Daily Four-Evening  
9-9-2-7, SB: 5  
Mega Millions  
Jackpot: \$91 million  
Powerball  
Jackpot: \$296 million

#### TUESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum ..... .80  
Copper ..... .1.80  
Lead ..... .86  
Zinc ..... .1.07  
Gold ..... .1,544.21  
Silver ..... .17.75  
Platinum ..... .983.37

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Theodore R. Ballard  
Jan. 18, 1928 - Jan. 10, 2020

Theodore R. Ballard, 91, passed away Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 at St. Vincent Southside Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida. He was born Jan. 18, 1928 to the Late Theodore Freeman and Velma (Lytle) Ballard.

He attended Van Buren Schools. Ted married Lois Marie Denniston on Dec. 6, 1946; she passed away July 6, 2009. The majority of his career, he delivered fuel oil and gas. No matter the weather, or time of day, you could depend on him to make your delivery. Ted was a lifetime resident of Van Buren and Grant County, until he moved to Green Coves Spring, Florida to be with his grandson. He was an avid



golfer and bowler.

Ted is survived by his daughter Carolyn L. Chandler of Hartford City, Indiana, granddaughter Angie (Terry) Paul of Wabash, grandson Theo (Tammey) Ballard of Florida, three great-grandsons, T.J. Paul of Wabash, Mathew Paul of Huntington, and Dalton Ballard of Georgia, three great-granddaughters, Chellsie Lambrite of Indiana, Tonya Ballard of Florida, and Kirsty Ballard of Georgia, and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 63 years, one brother and one sister.

There will be a celebration of Ted's life at a later date.

Laura Etta Davidson

Funeral services for Laura Etta Davidson, 92, of Wabash, will be 2 p.m., Friday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Entombment at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Visitation 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Indiana House backs abolishing all township assessor offices

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana House has voted to eliminate the last remaining township assessor offices around the state.

House members voted 53-44 Tuesday in favor of the bill abolishing the 13 township assessor offices that remain in nine of Indiana's 92 counties. The bill would transfer to county assessor offices those duties for determining the value of buildings and land for property taxes.

The 13 township assessor offices remain after voters decided to retain them in 2008 referendums allowed under a law that abolished more than 950 such offices across the state. The bill would eliminate the offices at the end of 2022.

Bill sponsor Republican Rep. Karen Engleman of

Georgetown said state reports have found that county offices have been more cost effective and fair in property assessments.

Republican Rep. Tim Wesco of Osceola was among bill opponents who argued that the Legislature should respect the decision that voters made in the 2008 referendums. House Democratic leader Phil GiaQuinta of Fort Wayne questioned the purpose of lawmakers allowing a voter referendum and then later deciding to overturn it.

Lake County has five of the township assessor offices that would be abolished, with one each in Allen, Elkhart, Howard, LaPorte, Porter, St. Joseph, Vigo and Wayne counties.

The bill now goes to the state Senate for consideration.

Councilman says he regrets remarks about Muslims

KOKOMO (AP) — An Indiana city council member who made insulting comments about Muslims on social media in 2015, years before he was elected, said he regrets posting those remarks and did so at a time when he “didn’t understand what Islam actually was.”

Greg Jones, a Republican member of the Kokomo Common Council, posted incendiary remarks about Muslims and their religious beliefs on Facebook in June 2015, the Kokomo Tribune reported.

At the time, Jones was a candidate seeking the council seat he now holds but he lost in November 2015 to the Democratic incumbent in the city of some 58,000 residents located about 40 miles north of Indianapolis.

Jones ran for the seat again last year and defeated Democrat Donnie Haworth with 54 percent of the vote in November. He was sworn into office on the council, where Republicans now hold a 9-0 majority, on New Year’s Day.

In his 2015 Facebook posts, Jones made insulting comments about Muslims and referred to Islam as “a Theocratic Moon Cult.” That year, he also made numerous posts about LGBTQ

people, including calling homosexuality “a crime against nature.”

He told the Kokomo Tribune in an interview Monday that he regrets his comments about Muslims and no longer espouses those opinions. Jones said that since 2015 he’s researched the history of Islam and read parts of the Quran.

“I think it was in bad taste, and it was made in a sense of ignorance at that time,” he said. “... I didn’t understand what Islam actually was, and I researched more into it since then, and all that, and I’ve kind of changed my opinion about this.”

When asked about his comments about LGBTQ people, Jones said he doesn’t “agree with homosexuality” but added that “I would not stop anybody from seeking out life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Common Council President Lynn Rudolph said he was surprised by Jones’ online comments about Islam, and said that he’s “never, ever heard him talk about those kind of issues.”

Rudolph said Jones was elected by voters in his district. “I think that we need to know what they think,” he said.

TROLLEY

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Ron Woodward will guide you through lesser-known, spooky locations in Wabash County. More details are coming soon.”

■ **Jolly Trolley Tour:** Dec. 13 and 20. “Travel aboard Trolley No.85 to the 4-H Fairgrounds for tons of family fun,” stated the release. “Meet live reindeer, enjoy kids’ activities and games, refreshments and so much more.”

For more information, including on-

sale dates for each tour, visit [www.visitwabashcounty.com](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com) and click on Tours/Trolley Rental. The Not-So-Newlywed Trolley No. 85 Tour is currently on sale now and tickets can be purchased by going to [www.visitwabashcounty.com](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com), calling 260-563-7171, or stopping in the Welcome Center located at 221 S. Miami St.

Please note: Payment is due upon registration and is nonrefundable.

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(grade levels seventh through 12th) from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m.

The Honeywell Singers 2020 schedule, with rehearsals to be held at the Honeywell Center, is as follows:

**Sunday, Jan. 26:** Rehearsal.  
**Sunday, Feb. 2:** First Parents’ Club Meeting from 4 to 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, Feb. 9:** Rehearsal.  
**Sunday, Feb. 16:** Rehearsal.  
**Sunday, Feb. 23:** Rehearsal.  
**Sunday, March 1:** Rehearsal.  
**Sunday, March 8:** Parents’ Club Meeting from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, March 15:** Rehearsal.  
**Saturday, March 21:** FAME Festival Performance.  
**Sunday, March 22:** Rehearsal.  
**Sunday, March 29:** Parents’ Club Meeting from 4 to 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, April 5:** No Rehearsal, Spring Break.  
**Sunday, April 12:** No Rehearsal, Easter.  
**Sunday, April 19:** Parents’ Club Meeting from 4 to 5:30 p.m.  
**Sunday, April 26:** Rehearsal.  
**Date Pending:** Final performance on the renovated Eagles Theatre stage.

For more information, email Teresa Galley at [tgalley@honeywellfoundation.org](mailto:tgalley@honeywellfoundation.org) or call 260-274-1412.

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at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

**Red Cross plans blood donation opportunity for Jan. 22**

The Red Cross has planned a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

**Experience the ‘Silence of a Winter’s Night’**

Enjoy the “Silence of a Winter’s Night” from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 at Salamonie Lake’s Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$10 per person, and space is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

**Manchester University plans Spring Convocation**

The Spring Convocation is at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, the first day of classes, in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. The presentation is free and open to the public.

**Wabash Tri Kappa to sponsor 14th Annual Winter Gala**

The gala will take place Saturday, Feb. 1, at Heartland REMC, 250 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open

at 6 p.m., and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased by Tuesday, Jan. 28. Tickets may be purchased from Tri Kappa Members or at the following locations: Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St.; Friermood Tire & Alignment, 1699 Stitt St.; and the dental office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call Beth Miller at 260-563-1128.

**February Salamonie Senior Luncheon set**

The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, Feb. 3, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, at 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. Upper Wabash Interpretive Services interpretive naturalist Lynnanne Fager will share her personal experiences with Indiana bald eagles. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Chicken and noodles and mashed potatoes will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their own table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs**

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional informa-

tion, visit [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

**Honeywell Foundation's annual art competition open**

The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at [mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org](mailto:mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org) or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

**‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale**

The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Honeywell Center. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260- 330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

**Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13**

Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.com>.

events/event/Wabashcommunity3 or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

**Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day returns in March**

The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

**Low Impact Fitness classes scheduled**

Fitness that is both fun and free led by Mary Jo McClelland at 9:45 a.m. every Monday and Thursday, and 3 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. There is no fee or registration required.

**Cancer care advocate available every Tuesday**

A cancer care advocate is available from 1 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday at the Winchester Senior Center, 239 Bond St. No appointment is needed. This service is

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wouldn’t be ideal, I think we can do it.”

Roser said the weather cooperated at the end of the growing season to allow yields to rebound, and he said it was the unpredictable weather that put the most stress on farmers.

Northern Indiana farmer Brian Warpup said he agreed.

“It would be tough to go through that again,” Warpup said in reference to the weather and late planting season before talking about trade and overall uncertainty in 2019. “I don’t want to (go through that again). I know we all don’t want to because of the stress level that came from that ... Financially, I don’t think some can take it.”

Warpup said a finalized deal with China could be huge for farmers in 2020, especially since he believes a deal with China could increase exports with China beyond where they were before the trade negotiations began.

The Purdue Ag Barometer’s reading for “current economic conditions” dropped slightly in December after rebounding toward the end of the year, but the reading rose for “future economic conditions.”

“If we can sign an agreement with China, that will help our soybeans tremendously,” he said. “If we do overproduce soybeans – and as long as we can export them – it will help us maintain our price.”

Prices for soybeans have risen since Trump announced a Phase 1 deal with China and since he signed the replacement for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), called the U.S. Mexico Canada Agreement.

Warpup said the escalating tariffs “really put an umbrella on our commodity exports to Asia,” although he said the inclement weather caused more issues.

Roser said the biggest factor influencing farmers’ success this year will be getting the crop in the ground on time.

“Last year we were plagued with so much rain and it really delayed planting and the growing season,” he said. “So I think farmers are really cautious right now and not too sure what’s gonna happen with the weather.”

“Weather is definitely the biggest factor,” Roser continued. “Trade agreements definitely play some part in all of that, but if you can’t get your crop in the ground at all or it doesn’t grow well, you can’t sell anything.”

supported by the Hope Foundation and provided by Cancer Services out of Fort Wayne.

**Yoga classes scheduled on Tuesdays**

Yoga for those who are intermediate to experienced levels have been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. The cost is \$10, and discount passes are available.

**DivorceCare to meet every Tuesday**

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to a press release. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South State Road 13. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St. on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email [office@wabashfriends.org](mailto:office@wabashfriends.org); or visit [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org).

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Daily scripture

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

— Colossians 3:23-24

The Oscars are still so white – and male

Once upon a time in Hollywood, there was a slate of Oscar nominations populated by directors and performers of reasonably diverse ethnic backgrounds and genders. Alas, that was in 2018. And again in 2019. But the fairy tale did not come true again on Monday, when the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced the nominees for the 2020 Academy Awards, which amounted to #Oscarsprettymuchwhiteandmale.

Female directors were shut out of the directing category despite the fact that women directed several critically acclaimed 2019 movies – including one that was nominated for best picture. There was only one person of color – actress Cynthia Erivo, who plays Harriet Tubman in "Harriet" – among the 20 nominees in acting categories. (Antonio Banderas, who was nominated for "Pain and Glory" is Spanish and white.)

The best that can be said for this year's slate is that the roster of best director nominees was not completely white. The South Korean director Bong Joon Ho was nominated in that category for "Parasite." And the category of best documentary feature was

dominated by films directed by women.

In the five years since the start of the #OscarsSoWhite campaign – following a 2015 Oscar nomination slate that included not a single person of color in any of the four acting categories and only one in the directing categories – the academy has significantly diversified its overwhelmingly white male membership. Between that and an increase in overall number of films made by women and people of color, the Oscar nominations too began to diversify in 2017 and then again in 2018, when two of the five nominees for best actor were black, two of the best supporting actress nominees were black, and the best director category included a Latino man, a black man and a white woman (Greta Gerwig, who got shut out this year despite directing the well-reviewed "Little Women"). At the 2019 Oscars ceremony, seven black artists received awards, Asian filmmakers won best documentary and best animated short, and the Mexican filmmaker Alfonso Cuarón won for best director.

According to a recent study,

there were five women among the directors of 2018's top 100 films. Last year, that number rose to 12 women.

Ultimately, increases in the number of women and people of color directing films are more important than increases in diversity in the Oscar slate – which is always going to be something of an indecipherable crap shoot. This year, Jennifer Lopez was snubbed, but so was Adam Sandler. "Little Women" was nominated for an Oscar, but Gerwig herself wasn't nominated. Inexplicable disconnects like that happen nearly every year with directors and best picture nominations.

No one wants a quota of black people or women on the Oscar slate – nor do we think that Martin Scorsese is less deserving of a nomination than Greta Gerwig just because he's a man. Ultimately, if the Oscars are going to be more diverse, what's needed is for the industry to be more diverse. And that is a long-term transformation that we hope is already underway and that shows clear results in the years ahead.

This editorial was first published in The Los Angeles Times.



Fixing regional inequality

My previous column warned that growing inequality between regions in the United States is the most pressing issue of our time. I promised this week to write about potential remedies. Before doing so, I want to remind readers that there are strong economic forces behind growing inequality. Workers are more productive in large cities, drawing ambitious workers to urban places. Moreover, urban centers have thicker labor markets, enabling workers to change jobs more easily and providing better options for family members seeking jobs. Businesses will find it easier to attract the workers they need in these large urban places as well, creating a dual opportunity for cities.

Amenities are often thicker and more diverse in urban places. There are typically more options across many things that families increasingly value, like schooling, recreation and the like. Of course, many smaller places have their own charms, and many Americans happily exchange their urban living for smaller places, which is why the in-between suburbs tend to be the fastest-growing counties in the nation.

The point of this is that market forces dictate much of the advantages and disadvantages of each place. Where public policy does play a role, it usually unfolds over a very, very long time. The decline in the Rust Belt – those Midwestern towns where it is most evident – has been unfolding since the 1950s. For example, Detroit was already losing population before Barry Gordy founded a record label that would be called Motown.

However, the heavy influence of the invisible hand in these matters does not mean that public policy

action, or lack of action, has not also played a role in regional divergence. In many communities, poor economic performance can be laid directly at the feet of poor public services. Obviously, poor educational outcomes, public corruption that scared away commerce, and poor tax and regulatory policies often beggar communities. But, this last issue is nuanced, and increasingly points to a duality of problems.

I often poke fun at the fiscal idiocy that created Chicago's public finances. I am right to warn others away from this plight, but underinvestment also imposes a heavy toll on places. In addition to its effects on educational outcomes, there is increasing evidence that educational spending is viewed by families as an important aspect of their location choice. School performance, and, as a proxy, spending on schools is a magnet for families.

One result is that places with large unfunded debt, as well as places with low spending on public services, face economic stagnation. Places that spend more, but do so without larger debt, see better economies. It should come as no surprise that families choose communities because of perceived value, not just price. Places that are convincingly value-oriented, particularly in their schools, will do well.

This reveals the formidable truth that the best way for an individual community to perform better is not to wait on outside help, but to tackle the biggest problems themselves. Places with good and improving schools, safe streets and welcoming neighborhoods grow. If you are dissatisfied with the economic growth in your community, it is probable that one or more of these factors are missing.

Infrastructure spending on new transportation, broadband and the like might better boost many lag-

ging places. The direct purpose of this is to connect communities to labor markets, either through commuting or telecommuting. Still, this has limitations. Workers with poor schools and low-levels of educational attainment will not miraculously see their income rise through easier online connection to labor markets. Workers who commute are more likely to see wage gains, but in either case, the infrastructure alone won't solve regional inequality.

The best programs are likely to be highly tailored to individual communities, involve both private and public sector activities, and focus on making workers more productive. This ultimately means the federal government will be woefully unable to construct something that works in more than a small number of communities. Today's regional inequality is really the perfect policy case for state-level experimentation. This should come in the form of state-level programs, aided by loosening of federal spending rules for many programs.

Fortunately, Indiana has been a leader in this sort of program. The Stellar Communities program, its evolution into the Stellar Regions program and the Regional Cities Initiative are all prime examples of highly tailored, low-cost efforts to reduce regional inequality.

What we have to accept in focusing on ways to fix regional inequality and divergent economic conditions is that most of the factors that lead to decline are really easiest to influence at the local level. We must also accept that broad federal programs are unlikely to be tailored to local problems. Moreover, the once seemingly endless pot of federal dollars now has a visible bottom. The fixes are going to have to come from thoughtful state policy and urgent local efforts.

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The GOP is harnessing the power of lies

To lie, or not to lie? That's a no-brainer for President Trump and his Republican enablers. They just go for it, making stuff up whenever they think it gives them an advantage. This utter shamelessness defines the political moment and will shape, or warp, the coming election.

It is an uncomfortable truth that one of our two major political parties, the GOP, lies boldly and constantly, while the other, the Democratic Party, does not. We in the media are still struggling to deal with this asymmetry. We urgently need to banish the "both sides" template from our coverage and give primacy to the facts, not to some Platonic ideal of fairness as always involving "on the one hand" and "on the other hand." That only works if there are, indeed, two legitimate sides.

At this point, do we need examples? I'll briefly cite just three.

Remember back in 2017, when Trump hectoring his first attorney general, Jeff Sessions, into opening yet another Justice Department investigation of Hillary Clinton? The president and his Republican allies muttered darkly about purported "corruption" involving the Clinton Foundation and a company called Uranium One. The Washington Post reported last week that the investigation found no evidence of anything untoward. Nothing, nada, zilch. Yet Trump's rally crowds still chant "Lock her up!"

Much more recently, Trump, the nation's liar-in-chief, claimed last week that assassinated Iranian Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani had been planning imminent terrorist attacks against four U.S. embassies. Yet Defense Secretary Mark Esper admitted Sunday he never saw any intelligence reports about planned embassy attacks. No one has forthrightly backed up Trump's assertion, much less named the embassies supposedly in peril. There is no evidence the claim was anything but a complete fabrication.

And Trump is far from the GOP's only inveterate liar. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy claimed in a tweet Saturday that Democrats "have spent the last week trying to empower Iran." In another tweet Sunday, McCarthy said that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's delay in sending articles of impeachment to the Senate is somehow – absurdly – a plot to deny Sen. Bernie Sanders the Democratic presidential nomination.

McCarthy has to know that neither of these allegations is supported by ascertainable facts. He certainly cites none to back his charges up. But here's the thing: To call McCarthy out on his baseless statements, I had to repeat them.

That is the real conundrum. It's not good enough simply to abandon ridiculous "both sides" constructions, such as, "Democrats say that water is wet, but Republicans say there is no scientific consensus on water's wetness." If Trump, McCarthy and other Republican officials publicly and repeatedly take the position of wetness-denial, it is impossible to report that fact without giving exposure to the lie.

In a 2018 study, three Massachusetts Institute of Technology scholars found that lies spread more rapidly than truth on Twitter. The same may be the case with other social media platforms as well.

The researchers tracked more than 126,000 "cascades of news stories" that spread on Twitter between 2006 and 2017, measuring the content against the findings of fact-checking organizations such as FactCheck.org and PolitiFact.com. "We found that falsehood diffuses significantly farther, faster, deeper and more broadly than the truth, in all categories of information, and in many cases by an order of magnitude," co-author Sinan Aral said when the paper, titled "The Spread of True and False News Online," was published in the journal Science.

The reason seemed to be that "false news," which really shouldn't be called news at all, is "more novel" and provokes a more intense emotional response. That makes sense, if you think about it. Outrageous and improbable claims are memorable, and fantasy is more vivid than pedestrian reality. If I'm the first to "know" that water may actually be dry, I want to tell all my friends. And as soon as they hear it from me, they want to tell all their friends.

The Republican Party figured this out long before the scholars at MIT did, and the Democratic Party still doesn't have a clue. The technology of lying and obfuscation has leapt far ahead of the technology of truth telling and accountability. Thanks to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other conduits, we in the media are no longer the primary arbiters of what's true and what's false. It's a jungle out there.

In the Darwinian world of social media, will "survival of the fakes" be the rule? It cannot be. Democracy requires truth, and we had better take to the barricades to defend it.

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Ind. House backs no test scores in teacher evaluations

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Schools would no longer be required to use student standardized test scores in teacher evaluations under a bill approved by the Indiana House.

The 100-0 vote on Monday would repeal a state mandate

dating from a 2011 Republican-driven education overhaul that school districts incorporate those student exam results in their teacher evaluations, which are used in determining merit pay raises.

Teachers have long ob-

jected to the requirement, and bill sponsor Republican Rep. Tony Cook of Cicero said removing it acknowledges the trouble with measuring teacher effectiveness based on a single student exam.

Democrats supported the

change while arguing the requirement should never have been adopted and was a “false promise” that a student test could determine who are good teachers.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The action comes as law-

makers are also supporting a two-year delay on any penalties to schools from lower student scores on the state’s new ILEARN standardized test.

Statewide results for the spring 2019 ILEARN exam show that 47.9 percent of

students in grades 3-8 met or exceeded proficiency standards in language arts and 47.8 percent met or exceeded them in math. Those are both more than 10 percentage points lower than the passing rates in 2018 for the pass or fail ISTEP exam.

Hoosier students invited to pitch innovative ideas in statewide competition

Applications for third annual Innovate WithIN due Friday, Feb. 7

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Applications for the 2020 Innovate WithIN pitch competition, a statewide initiative hosted by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), Indiana Department of Education, Ball State University and STARTedUP Foundation, are open to high school students across Indiana, according to a press release.

Student teams are invited to submit video pitches online before Friday, Feb. 7, and middle school students interested in entrepreneurship are invited to register for workshops offered at the regional competitions in early 2020.

Innovate WithIN, which is in its third year, allows Hoosier students to create their business plans and showcase entrepreneurial ideas throughout the state. The overall winners of the state competition will each

receive a \$10,000 cash prize, \$10,000 toward one year of in-state tuition, internship opportunities and mentoring services.

Participants are invited to work individually or in small groups to submit an innovative idea for a business, product, service or venture. Students will then receive feedback from experienced professionals while competing against like-minded youth from across Indiana through three rounds:

■ **Round One:** Video pitch submissions due Feb. 7.

■ **Round Two:** Regional pitch competitions hosted from March 2 to 13.

■ **Final Round:** State pitch competition for regional finalists hosted in April.

After completing video pitches and regional competitions, the finalists from each region will be invited to Indianapolis for the final round of the competition,

pitching their ideas to a panel of judges from Indiana’s entrepreneurial community. In 2019, Innovate WithIN drew 158 online applications from 422 Hoosier students at 88 high schools.

The overall winners of last year’s competition, Cameron Klein, Colten Mouzin and James Hancock from Rivet High School in Vincennes, created a high-tech, Kevlar backpack that promotes energy efficiency and improves student safety. The group, along with all of the final 11 teams, received mentoring services through the STARTedUP Foundation, which focuses on engaging students and teachers through innovation and entrepreneurship in the classroom. In partnership with the IEDC, STARTedUP will create an immersive student accelerator program for the Innovate WithIN state finalists, helping them develop and execute their ideas as well as providing access to the company’s network of mentors and advisers.

“In addition to the pitch competition and mentorship opportunities, Innovate WithIN offers middle school students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in entrepreneurship through ideation sessions at the regional competitions. Open to grades six through eight, these students will participate in workshops aimed at fostering entrepreneurial and critical-thinking skills while also introducing them to real-world business concepts,” stated the release.

“As part of Gov. Eric Holcomb’s Next Level Agenda to make Indiana a hub for innovation and develop a 21st century skilled and ready workforce, the state is committed to helping cultivate innovative ideas in the classroom. The Innovate WithIN pitch competition fosters an entrepreneurial spirit among our leaders of tomorrow, empowering students to hone their innovative thinking.”

Submit applications and learn more about the program at InnovateWithIN.org.

Franklin College fires president following Wisconsin arrest

STURGEON BAY, Wis. (AP) — Franklin College in Indiana has fired its president after he was arrested in Wisconsin on suspicion of using a computer to facilitate a sex crime and attempted child enticement, the school said Monday.

Thomas Minar was arrested by Sturgeon Bay police on Jan. 6 and released on \$7,500 cash bond after a hearing the next day. He has not been formally charged, but Door County District Attorney Colleen Nordin told The Associated Press on Monday that she expects to file a criminal complaint in the next couple of days.

Nordin said the anticipated charges include attempted child enticement and exposing a child to harmful materials. The college said it was notified of Minar’s arrest from an email by the Sturgeon Bay Police Department and that Minar also was arrested on suspicion of using a computer to facilitate a sex crime. Arrest reports are not being released at this time, Nordin said.

In a statement, Franklin College said its board of trustees’ executive committee “felt it was essential to act immediately and sever his relationship” with the private, liberal arts college, where Minar had been president since July 2015. Minar announced last year that he planned to step down as president effective June 30, 2020.

“The safety of Franklin students is always our highest priority. To that end, the College has launched an investigation concerning Dr. Minar’s conduct while President,” the school said.

The statement said the college’s Board of Trustees “is stunned by this event. This is the first such incident the Board has been made aware of regarding Dr. Minar, and the Board is fully committed to cooperating fully with Wisconsin authorities and working to ensure the safety of our campus community,”

“As in other times of difficulty during the college’s 186-year history, our community will come together in support of one another as we continue to educate the innovative leaders of our future,” the college’s Board of Trustees chair, Jim Due, said in a statement.

Minar’s attorney, Brett Reetz, did not immediately respond to a message Monday seeking comment on his client’s behalf. Nordin, the district attorney, said the court determined there was probable cause presented by the district attorney’s office to give the court jurisdiction. Minar is due back in court Jan. 27.

Franklin College has an enrollment of about 1,000 students and is located in the city of Franklin, about 20 miles south of Indianapolis.

MANCHESTER JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Manchester Jr.-Sr. High School has released the perfect attendance list for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year. The semester ran from Aug. 15 to Dec. 20, 2019:

**Seventh grade**

Gavin Betten, Ella Bradley, Nicholas Cave, Nicole Cave, Bryce Eldridge, Tristan Paquera, Audrey Sanson, Angelica Saucedo, Tallon Selleck, Manpreet Singh, Joshua Trout and Connor Trump.

**Eighth grade**

Isaac Barrett, Chelsie Clark, Mahayla

Krom, Jade McCullough, Alli Miller, Aymia Miller, Samuel Pyle, Brayden Sanson, Adia Selleck, Gabrielle Simmers, Caleb Smith, Joshua Steely and Casen Vawter.

**Ninth grade**

Jordan Ayres, Mackenzie Beck, Josie Briner, Brock Casper, Micah Kling, Olivia Neal, Michael Ortiz, Gavin Rockwell, Desteny Sellers, Muskaan Singh and Maddox Zolman.

**10th grade**

Lauren Barrett, Ethan Cummins, Sydni

Hernandez, Ethen Homes, Asia Snyder and Abbie Wampler.

**11th grade**

Bryon Moore, Margaret Myers, Aries Naranjo, Erica Ortiz, Michael Ragan, Alex Sanson, Noah Stafford, Janet Villaseñor and Carter Wilcox.

**12th grade**

Meghanne Jones, Kreedon Krull, Jason Miller, Bailey Mooney, Anna Pyle, Justin Self, Avery Snyder, John Spangle and Caleb Stout.

Are young crusaders and heroes fair game for critics?

BY LEANNE ITALIE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The point where childhood ends and adulthood begins isn’t as straightforward as it seems. Add the limelight and things can get complicated for young people who either voluntarily or through circumstances live very public lives.

Those public lives often come with heaping helpings of adult-size sniping. But are children and adolescents who find themselves under global microscopes still entitled to age-appropriate protection from the harshness of public discourse? And, more importantly, can they handle it?

Children and teens, in this era of blurred boundaries, have at their disposal mobile megaphones — for the first time in human history — to reach the entire world. That allows them to be heard, and potentially taken seriously, by hundreds of millions of people, all the way up to heads of state who include the president of the United States.

But does it give those who hear them the right to slap back? At what point does the imperative to treat children more gently collide with their decision to enter the marketplace of ideas — and what happens when it does?

In 2012, 16-year-old gymnast Gabby Douglas became the first African American woman — and woman of color of any nationality — to win Olympic gold in the individual all-around. The feat was joyous, but some on social media bemoaned that her hair wasn’t perfect.

The teen clapped back: “Are you kidding me? I just made history. And you’re focusing on my hair?”

When climate activist Greta Thunberg, who just turned 17, was named Time magazine’s 2019 person of the year, President Donald Trump took to Twitter to call her choice “ridiculous,” going on to say: “Greta must work on her Anger Management problem, then go to a good old fashioned movie with a friend! Chill Greta, Chill!”

To that, Thunberg responded by changing her Twitter profile to mock the president’s words. She told The Intercept: “Honestly, I think it’s funny.”

Since Serena Williams was a teen, when Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize after being shot in the face, with the ascent of 18-year-old pop star Billie Eilish and in the aftermath of the mass school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that turned young survivors into gun control activists, the treatment of young people in the public eye has had its ups and downs.

“For anyone who shares public opinions about civic and social issues, like Greta Thunberg and the Parkland teens have done, it can cut both ways. It can be empowering for young people to use their voices in such a public way. Young people can also be especially effective in changing public conversations about important issues. People listen to young people in a different way,” said Dr. Parissa Bal-lard, a developmental psychologist at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

“At the same time, public political engagement can be very stressful and can put young people in a vulnerable position when they receive criticism or people publicly disagree,” said Bal-

lard, whose research focuses on the intersection of civic engagement and adolescent health and wellness.

Students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School who began speaking out for gun reform soon after the shooting there were already in a devastating position when they faced accusations that some were “crisis actors” and the group was under the manipulation of gun control advocates.

The teens were unfazed.

“There are people who are going to be putting us down. It doesn’t matter. Everything we’re doing, it can’t be stopped,” Diego Pfeiffer, an 18-year-old senior at the time, told The Miami Herald in February 2018. “We are children and we have a message. They are bashing survivors of a school shooting. You can go ahead, but our message is going to be heard loud and clear.”

Development psychologists prefer to speak of stages when describing life’s slide from childhood into adolescence and on to young adulthood, such as the onset of biological changes and shifts in social roles. Some use more rigid measures, considering childhood to extend through age 12, with adolescence roughly between 12 and 18 and young adulthood the period between 18 and 25.

Richard West, an Emerson College communications professor who focuses on family, bullying and identity, said that’s only part of the story for young people who prematurely find themselves in adult spaces.

“These are individuals who are emotionally driven and passionately obsessed with having a dialogue,” he said. “I don’t feel that they should be held to a standard

that we hold, for instance, a president or an ambassador.”

Finding that line isn’t easy.

“We all need to jump in. It’s not just Greta’s family. It’s not the Parkland kids’ families. It should be all of us jumping in when we see something or hear something that might be completely out of line with the values of this country,” West said. “We don’t have the value as a country of attacking young people who might be activists.”

Jumping in is exactly what former first lady Michelle Obama did on Twitter after Trump’s “chill” tweet about Greta.

“Don’t let anyone dim your light,” Obama urged Greta. “Like the girls I’ve met in Vietnam and all over the world, you have so much to offer us all. Ignore the doubters and know that millions of people are cheering you on.”

Eilish, who grew popular in 2016 with her SoundCloud single Ocean Eyes, has long been surrounded by family in her entourage, including her parents and her older brother and collaborator, Finneas Baird O’Connell. But fame has had its rough spots nonetheless.

“I forget sometimes that they’re not literally my friends,” she told Variety of her fans. “It’s weird, like, that’s probably the biggest con in it all: that people I’ve never met think I’m really close friends with them. And then they forget that I’m not, and sometimes say stuff at meet-and-greets or post things that are joking or sarcastic about how bad I look in (a certain) photo, and I’m like, wow, that’s so mean. But then I remember that it’s just part of being friends — you make fun of

your friends as a joke, and they make fun of you back — so it’s all love, and I really, really don’t want it to change.”

Ballard, too, sees a key role for supportive adults when public young people face detractors, especially those like Greta and the Parkland survivors who are up against grown-ups with immense power and resources.

“Adults can support young activists by helping them understand the range of possible reactions they might get and to help manage their expectations about public political engagement,” she said.

Daryl Van Tongeren, an associate professor of psychology at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, specializes, in part, on questions of morality.

“I think sadly in our society they do sometimes forfeit their childhoods, but I don’t think that they should have to,” he said. “I think as a society we view them as no longer being children and somehow we now have rights to kind of put them in a different realm, put them in a different category. It’s a moment for us to pause and say, just because this is happening, does that mean that it’s good or it’s healthy or it’s right?”

Williams, who is now 38 and owns 23 Grand Slam singles titles, knows some of the issues well.

“People have been talking about my body for a really long time,” she told The Fader in 2016. “Good things, great things, negative things. People are entitled to have their opinions, but what matters most is how I feel about me, because that’s what’s going to permeate the room I’m sitting in.”

Holcomb declares day to honor late Auschwitz survivor

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gov. Eric Holcomb has declared Jan. 27 “Eva Education Day” in honor of the late Eva Kor, the Holocaust survivor who dedicated much of her life to educating the world about the experiments of Nazi doctor Josef Mengele.

Jan. 27 is the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp, where Kor and her twin sister, Miriam, were subjected to Mengele’s experiments. The Terre Haute woman’s experience was chronicled in a documentary titled “Eva: A-7063.” That film is part of an Eva Educational Toolkit that has been distributed to every middle school and high school in Indiana.

Kor died July 4, 2019, while conducting her annual group tour of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

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# Holcomb says again wait a year on teacher pay boost

**BY TOM DAVIES**  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana’s governor on Tuesday outlined to state legislators how to free up tens of millions of dollars to boost teacher pay but said he didn’t want them to act on it until next year.

Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb told lawmakers in his State of the State speech that he wanted to tap into the state’s \$2.3 billion in cash reserves in the 2021 legislative session to make a \$250 million early payment into a state teacher pension fund.

That proposal comes as Holcomb and Republican legislative leaders have resisted calls from teachers unions and Democrats for immediate action to improve the state’s lagging teacher pay – and despite several thousand teachers attending a boisterous Statehouse rally in November during which stagnant salaries were a top concern. The governor has repeatedly said he would wait for recommendations later this year for what he calls a “sustainable plan” from a teacher pay commission he appointed in February.

Holcomb pushed a similar early payment for another teacher pension fund last year which officials estimated saved school districts \$65 million a year.

He told lawmakers Tuesday that the new payment will free up \$50 million in annual state funding.

“Together, that’s \$115 million more available annually to increase teacher pay with more to come after the compensation commission releases its recommendations,” Holcomb said in his prepared speech.

Democrats have proposed changes to the same teacher pension fund that they estimate would lower state payments by \$100 million a year by extending those payments into the fund by several years past the 2038 budget year as planned by Holcomb’s administration.

Republican lawmakers rejected proposals from Democrats for immediate action on teacher pay, including one that would have directed \$291 million in unexpected state tax revenue

toward one-time teacher pay bonuses. Republicans, instead, have fast-tracked a plan supported by Holcomb directing that money toward paying cash rather than borrowing money for several planned college campus construction projects.

The yearlong delay proposed by Holcomb will frustrate Democrats.

Senate Democratic leader Tim Lanane of Anderson said Monday that more “needs to be done and could be done” on teacher pay before the legislative session wraps up in mid-March.

Holcomb also renewed his call for passage of a statewide ban on drivers using handheld cellphones, toughening a current prohibition on texting while driving that officials have said has proven to be unenforceable.

At least 20 other states have hands-free driving laws, but some legislators have raised doubts about taking that step.

Holcomb introduced an Indianapolis couple, Tina and Lorin Smith, who had stopped their motorcycle along a road when they were hit by a minivan whose driver was looking at a cellphone. Each lost a leg in the crash.

“Distracted driving increases the risk of a crash by more than 3½ times and is a leading killer of teenagers in America,” Holcomb said. “This is unacceptable and avoidable.”

The governor spent much of the speech highlighting the state’s economy, which has been one of his main talking points as he seeks re-election this year.

Holcomb used the speech to announce that Fiat-Chrysler planned to spend nearly \$400 million on its facilities in Kokomo, where the company has nearly 8,000 workers at area factories. He said he would join Toyota officials later this week for an announcement at its southwestern Indiana factory near Princeton.

“The economic numbers are compelling,” he said. “Since I first took this podium in 2017, our unemployment rate has dropped to 3.2 percent – a 19-year low – lower than the national average and lower than every state we touch.”

# EU pressures Iran on nuclear deal in last-ditch bid to save it

**BY LORNE COOK and DAVID RISING**  
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Britain, France and Germany on Tuesday ratcheted up pressure on Iran to stop violating its landmark nuclear deal in a last-ditch effort to resolve their differences through talks while also starting a process that could bring back punishing U.N. sanctions on Tehran.

The three European Union countries are being pressed on one side by U.S. President Donald Trump to abandon the agreement like he did unilaterally in 2018, and on the other side from Iran to provide enough economic incentives for them to roll back their violations.

Now, the Europeans have reluctantly triggered the accord’s dispute mechanism to force Iran into discussions, starting the clock on a process that could result in the “snapback” of U.N. and EU sanctions on Iran.

The three nations specifically avoided threatening the sanctions while emphasizing hopes for a negotiated resolution. They held off their announcement until tensions between the U.S. and Iran had calmed down after the Jan. 3 killing of an Iranian general in an American drone strike so their intent would not be misinterpreted.

“Our goal is clear: We want to preserve the accord and come to a diplomatic solution within the agreement,” German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said in a statement. “We will tackle this together with all partners in the agreement. We call on Iran to participate constructively in the negotiation process that is now beginning.”

Iran’s Foreign Ministry warned of a “serious and strong response” to the European move. But at the same time, ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi held out an olive branch, saying his country was “fully ready to answer any good will and constructive effort” that preserves the nuclear deal, Iran’s official IRNA news agency reported.

The accord, which Iran signed with the U.S., Britain, Germany, France, China and Russia in 2015, has been unraveling since Trump pulled Washington out in 2018 and reinstated sanctions designed to cripple the Islamic Republic under what the U.S. called a “maximum pressure” campaign.

The Europeans felt compelled to act, despite objections from Russia and China, because every violation of the deal reduces the so-called “breakout time” Iran needs to produce a nuclear bomb, Britain’s Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab told Parliament.

“Each of these actions were individually serious,” Raab said. “Together, they now raise acute concerns about Iran’s nuclear ambitions.” Iran insists it is not seeking an atomic weapon.

At the time of the signing of the deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or JCPOA, Iran’s “breakout” time was estimated to be as little as two months. With the safeguards in place, limiting Iran’s stockpiles of enriched uranium and heavy water, the number and types of centrifuges it can use to enrich uranium, and the purity that is allowed, that estimate grew to more than a year.

Trump said the deal should be renegotiated because it didn’t address Iran’s ballistic missile program or its involvement in regional conflicts, and reimposed U.S. sanctions that have left Iran’s economy reeling. To pressure the remaining signatories to provide enough economic incentives to offset the U.S. sanctions, Iran last year began violating its limitations in stages.

Throughout, it has announced the violations publicly and continued to allow inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency in to its facilities.

Following the U.S. drone strike that killed Revolutionary Guard Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iran announced what it said was its fifth and final step in violating the deal, saying it would no longer abide by any limitation to its enrichment activities.

That left the Europeans “with no choice” but to invoke the dispute mechanism, Raab told Parliament.

“We do so with a view to bringing Iran back into full compliance,” he said, adding that they hope the move will “reinforce the diplomatic track, not to abandon it.”

In their letter to the EU’s foreign policy chief announcing their move, the three countries distanced themselves from the new U.S. sanctions.

“Our three countries are not joining a campaign to implement maximum pressure against Iran,” they

said. “Our hope is to bring Iran back into full compliance with its commitments.”

At the same time, they rejected Tehran’s argument that it was justified in violating the deal because Washington broke the agreement first when it pulled out.

Invoking the dispute mechanism starts a 30-day period in which to resolve the problem, which can be extended and probably will be. If the problem persists, the matter could be brought before the U.N. Security Council and might result in the “snapback” of sanctions that had been lifted under the deal.

After receiving the letter, EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell, who coordinates the agreement on behalf of the world powers, stressed that the pressure on Iran from Europe does not mean international sanctions will automatically be imposed.

Despite Iran’s recent violations, all remaining parties to the JCPOA have said it is worth preserving, saying it is the best way to curb Iran’s nuclear program. Diplomats note that even with its violations, Iran is still enriching uranium to a lower purity than it did before the deal, and IAEA inspectors continue to have access to its facilities.

“We see no reason for such a step,” the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement about the EU countries’ decision. It called the move an “ill-considered decision” that could lead to a new escalation and make a return to the original framework “unachievable.”

Borrell again emphasized that the remaining signatories feel it is the best solution to limiting Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

“We have to preserve the nuclear deal and work to go back to full and effective implementation,” he said in Strasbourg, France. He described the pact as a “significant achievement” and underlined that “there is no alternative to this agreement.”

Raab told Britain’s Parliament that “the government in Iran has a choice.”

“The regime can take the steps to de-escalate tensions and adhere to the basic rules of international law. Or sink deeper and deeper into political and economic isolation,” he said. “We urge Iran to work with us to save the deal.”

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TV audience up slightly from last year for CFP championship

NEW YORK (AP) — LSU's national championship game victory against Clemson drew nearly 26 million viewers to ESPN, up slightly from last year's final.

ESPN said Tuesday that viewership for the three-game College Football Playoff increased 4% from last season, when Clemson beat Alabama in the championship.

The network's championship game megacast, which includes ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU and ESPNNews, drew 25.6 million viewers. Last year's megacast had 25.3 million viewers. The ESPN-only audience was also up over last year, from 24.3 million to 25 million.

Joe Burrow, the Heisman Trophy winner, led No. 1 LSU to a 42-25 victory Monday night in New Orleans. The game was 28-25 in the third quarter before LSU surged and put away the title early in the fourth quarter.

Overall, the television audience for New Year's Six games were down 4% over last year for ESPN.

Delay in new NFL stadium roof in Las Vegas causes concern

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Installation of a translucent roof for the \$2 billion football stadium being built in Las Vegas for the NFL's Raiders is months behind schedule, but officials say it should be ready by the start of next season.

An independent monitor working for the Las Vegas Stadium Authority, however, says the target date for occupancy could be in jeopardy.

Team and construction officials are expected to provide an update Thursday to the stadium oversight panel about the 65,000-seat Allegiant Stadium, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported Tuesday.

The roof had been scheduled for completion last fall. Installation is now expected in May.

Officials say the stadium is still on track to open July 31, in time to host its first event August 16.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



LAYUP: Northfield's Graydon Holmes prepares to layup the ball during the Norse's game against Madison-Grant last weekend.

Conference clashes set throughout county

BY JACOB RUDE sports@wabashplaindealer.com

The Wabash and Manchester boys' basketball teams square off for yet another high-profile clash to highlight the action this upcoming week.

Girls' basketball

Northfield (12-4) vs. North Miami, Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.

After a trip to face one of the top teams in the state in Homestead on Tuesday, Northfield returns to local action with a match-up against North Miami. The potential sectional foes were also both ranked in the Class A poll to start the season. After falling out, the Norse have battled back into the polls, ranked No. 13 in the latest edition, while the Warriors have continued to struggle.

North Miami does sit at 11-5 on the year but has won four of its last five games. As a team, the Warriors are averaging 50.6 points per game while allowing 38.1 defensively.

Last season, the Norse knocked off North Miami on the road 46-33. The last win by the Warriors over Northfield came in 2010.

Manchester (4-13) vs. Peru, Jan. 15, 7:45 p.m.; vs. Wabash (8-8), Jan. 18, 7:45 p.m.

The Squires have a pair of Three Rivers Conference (TRC) clashes on the week as they look for their third conference win of the year. On Wednesday, Manchester hosts a Peru side that is 10-6 on the season, the first double-digit win season for the Tigers since 2014-15. After starting the year 3-4, Peru has won seven of its last nine games.

On the weekend, Manchester will welcome in Wabash who is also looking for a third conference win. The Apaches are .500 on the season after falling to Southwood in overtime last weekend. The contest will be the final road game for Wabash as they end the season with a four-game homestand.

Southwood (3-14) vs. Whitko, Jan. 18., 7:45 p.m.

The Knights have a rare opportunity at back-to-back wins with a trip to Whitko on Saturday. The Wildcats are 1-10 on the season and winless in TRC play. Whitko is averaging just 18.4 points per game while allowing 49.6 per contest. Twice on the year, Whitko has been held to single-digit scoring in losses.

Southwood, meanwhile, could win consecutive games for the first time since the start of the 2017-18 season. The Knights edged out Wabash at home on the weekend due in large part to a season-best shooting performance from three-point territory.

Boys' basketball

Wabash (7-2) vs. Manchester (6-6), Jan. 17, 7:45 p.m.

Two sides who have found themselves atop the TRC standings in recent seasons meet once more on Friday. While the last meeting between the two teams was

a blowout win in favor of the Apaches in the Wabash County Tournament title game, that has been the exception in recent seasons.

Wabash enters unbeaten in the conference at 3-0 following a 74-59 win over Southwood on the weekend. Manchester is 1-1 in conference clashes this year, the loss coming in Southwood in double overtime earlier in the season.

While Wabash has won four of the last five meetings, one came in the Wabash County Tournament title game, one came in the sectional final and one was a double overtime Wabash win.

Northfield (2-8) vs. North Miami, Jan. 17, 8:00 p.m.; at Eastbrook, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.

The Norse have a chance at a pair of wins on the week with two teams struggling similarly to Northfield this season. On Friday, the Norse

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INDYCAR

Swedish driver Ericsson lands hot chocolate company sponsor

BY JENNA FRYER AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A hot chocolate company led by Hollywood stuntman and occasional racer Stanton Barrett has signed as primary sponsor for Swedish driver Marcus Ericsson at Chip Ganassi Racing.

This is the first entry into IndyCar for Huski Chocolate, a company headquartered in Stockholm that already does business in Formula One with McLaren and with the English soccer club Millwall.

Huski Chocolate is primarily located in ski resorts and touts its brand as using all-natural ingredients combined with real cocoa, cocoa butter and secret spices. The company expanded into North America two years ago and launched a chocolate milk in Europe last year.

The pairing of a Swedish company with a Swedish driver seems like a natural fit, but the connection is actually between Barrett and team owner Chip Ganassi. Barrett is the son of former stuntman Stan Barrett and the godson of the late Paul Newman.

He became interested in racing through his father and Newman, which led to a friendship with Ganassi. Although Barrett still dabbles in racing — the Xfinity Series race at Watkins Glen last year is among the 249 career NASCAR starts Barrett has made since 1992 — his focus is on his other entrepreneurial ventures and his stunt work. Barrett also ran four IndyCar races in 2009.

"Motorsports is a really great platform to get a brand out there and develop a loyal customer base so IndyCar is a great fit because it is picking up aggressively and they are in good markets and has a positive global platform," Barrett said.

Barrett said he's known Ganassi at least 30 years, and flew with him late last season to discuss potential partnerships. Ganassi was in the process of shutting down his two-car sports car team, but he reallocated the personnel to create a third IndyCar entry to avoid heavy layoffs.

The talks were preliminary and Ganassi was not sure who the driver would be, but Barrett was adamant he wanted to be tied to a top-tier team. Ganassi teams have won 19 championships and more than 220 races, including four Indianapolis 500s, a Daytona 500, a Brickyard 400, eight Rolex 24 At Daytonas, the 12 Hours of Sebring and 24 Hours of Le Mans.

"Chip had the choice in driver, he is pretty savvy in who he picks and I think it is a really great fit that Marcus was available," Barrett said. "For us, it just fell in line that he is a Swedish driver for a Swedish brand, and we will be able to market him quite well. But this was more about the program and being in IndyCar and the partners we could find."

Ericsson spent five years in F1 before moving to IndyCar last season to drive for Sam Schmidt. When McLaren came on as a partner with Schmidt for this season, the team replaced the two-driver lineup and Ericsson's contract was not renewed. He had one podium finish in 16 races.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU wears Clemson out in title tilt

BY RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS — From small-town Ohio kid to Louisiana legend, Joe Burrow capped his record-breaking, Heisman-winning season by bringing a national championship to LSU.

Burrow threw five touchdown passes, ran for another score and finished off one of the most accomplished seasons in college football history by leading the top-ranked Tigers to a 42-25 victory against No. 3 Clemson on Monday night in the playoff final.

"He's one of the greatest players in LSU history," Tigers coach Ed Orgeron said. "He's done so much for the state of Louisiana and LSU. We are so grateful to Joe Burrow."

The senior quarterback from The Plains, Ohio, delivered the Tigers (15-0) their

first national title since 2007 and fourth overall, breaking a few more records along the way in what was already an historic season. His five TD passes and 463 yards passing are the most for a BCS or College Football Playoff title game. So were his six total touchdowns.

"This is what I wanted to do from the time I was 5 years old, was hoist this trophy. And bringing it back to Louisiana," Burrow said, then caught himself. "I guess we're in Louisiana, but staying in Louisiana, we weren't going to let someone come in here and steal this from us in our home state."

"We have a great fan base that came out and supported us. We were going to keep this thing right here."

Under a shower of sparkling white, gold and purple confetti, Burrow raised the CFP championship trophy

toward the Superdome roof. The party was on — no doubt already raging on nearby Bourbon Street.

Burrow became the first major college quarterback to throw 60 touchdown passes in a season and LSU snapped defending national champion Clemson's 29-game winning streak. For the first time in his college career, Clemson star quarterback Trevor Lawrence was on the losing team.

"I hate how it finished," the sophomore said. "But man, we did some really amazing things."

The Tigers (14-1) had won Lawrence's first 25 starts.

"It's been a long time since I've stood in front of a team after a loss," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

On this night, Lawrence (18 for 37 for 234 yards) was no match for Burrow — the Ohio State transfer who

threw all of 16 TD passes last season with LSU.

His ascent has been dizzying and unprecedented. Running a version of the New Orleans Saints' offense brought to LSU by 30-year-old assistant coach Joe Brady, Burrow and an array of talented receivers transformed these Tigers into one of the most prolific offenses college football has ever seen.

The Saints' Drew Brees, Burrow's idol growing up, could not have done it better.

This was Orgeron's vision for LSU when he was promoted from interim coach in 2016. There was plenty of skepticism about the Cajun who had failed in his first crack as a head coach with Mississippi.

Orgeron has proved to be the perfect fit for LSU. Just



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**ESPNU:** Tennessee at Georgia  
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**ACCN:** Notre Dame at Georgia Tech  
**FS1:** St. John's at Providence  
**SECN:** Vanderbilt at Arkansas  
**9 p.m.**  
**BTN:** Penn State at Minnesota  
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

**1 p.m.**  
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NBA BASKETBALL

**7 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** Brooklyn at Philadelphia  
**9:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN:** Portland at Houston

NHL HOCKEY

**8 p.m.**  
**NBCSN:** Philadelphia at St. Louis

TENNIS

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Monday's National Title Game

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**First Quarter**  
CLE-T.Lawrence 1 run (Potter kick), 6:34.  
LSU-J.Chase 52 pass from Burrow (York kick), 2:20.

Second Quarter

CLE-FG Potter 52, 13:43.  
CLE-Higgins 36 run (Potter kick), 10:38.  
LSU-Burrow 3 run (York kick), 9:17.  
LSU-J.Chase 14 pass from Burrow (York Kick), 5:19.  
LSU-Moss 6 pass from Burrow (York kick), :10.

Third Quarter

CLE-Etienne 3 run (Rodgers pass from T.Lawrence), 10:49.  
LSU-Moss 4 pass from Burrow (York kick), 5:13.

Fourth Quarter

LSU-Marshall 24 pass from Burrow (York kick), 12:08.  
A-76,885.

	<b>CLE</b>	<b>LSU</b>
First downs	23	29
Rushes-yards	28-160	32-165
Passing	234	463
Comp-Att-Int	18-37-0	31-49-0
Return Yards	30	17
Punts-Avg.	9-39.4	7-44.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-65	11-118
Time of Possession	25:15	34:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Clemson, Etienne 15-78, T.Lawrence 10-49, Higgins 1-36, Dixon 1-(minus 1), (Team) 1-(minus 2), LSU, Edwards-Helaire 16-110, Burrow 14-58, (Team) 2-(minus 3).  
PASSING-Clemson, T.Lawrence 18-37-0-234.  
LSU, Burrow 31-49-0-463.  
RECEIVING-Clemson, Ross 5-76, Etienne 5-36, Higgins 3-52, Galloway 2-60, Rodgers 2-8, Dixon 1-2, LSU, J.Chase 9-221, Jefferson 9-106, Edwards-Helaire 5-54, Moss 5-36, Marshall 3-46.  
MISSED FIELD GOALS-LSU, York 45.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll.

	<b>Record</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Prv</b>
1. South Carolina (20)	16-1	737	4
2. Baylor (7)	13-1	724	6
3. Stanford (1)	15-1	663	5
4. UConn	13-1	651	1
5. Louisville (2)	16-1	605	7
6. Oregon	13-2	601	2
7. UCLA	16-0	588	8
8. Oregon St.	15-1	585	3
9. NC State	15-1	459	9
10. Mississippi St.	15-2	448	13
11. Kentucky	14-2	429	14
12. Texas A&M	14-2	394	10
13. Florida St.	15-2	369	11
14. DePaul	15-2	366	15
15. Indiana	14-3	333	12
16. Gonzaga	16-1	327	16
17. West Virginia	13-1	289	19
18. Arizona St.	13-4	200	—
19. Missouri St.	14-2	186	20
20. Maryland	12-4	159	17
21. Arizona	13-3	157	18
22. Iowa	13-3	109	—
23. Arkansas	14-3	108	21
24. Tennessee	13-3	102	23
25. South Dakota	16-2	86	22

Others receiving votes: Princeton 30, Northwestern 23, Rutgers 15, Georgia Tech 5, Florida Gulf Coast 2.

NBA

	<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>			
	<b>Atlantic Division</b>			
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Boston	27	11	.711	—
Toronto	25	14	.641	2½
Philadelphia	25	16	.610	3½
Brooklyn	18	20	.474	9
New York	11	29	.275	17
	<b>Southeast Division</b>			
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Miami	27	12	.692	—
Orlando	19	21	.475	8½
Charlotte	15	28	.349	14
Washington	13	26	.333	14
Atlanta	8	32	.200	19½
	<b>Central Division</b>			
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Indiana	35	6	.854	—
Illwaukee	25	15	.625	9½
Chicago	14	27	.341	21
Detroit	14	27	.341	21
Cleveland	12	28	.300	22½
	<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>			
	<b>Southwest Division</b>			
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Houston	26	12	.684	—
Dallas	24	15	.615	2½
Memphis	18	22	.450	9
San Antonio	17	21	.447	9
New Orleans	15	26	.366	12½
	<b>Northwest Division</b>			
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Denver	27	12	.692	—
Utah	27	12	.692	—

MLB

Astros get the punishment, Dodgers pay the price

BY TIM DAHLBERG  
AP Sports Columnist

AJ Hinch won't be managing in the big leagues any time soon, if at all. Alex Cora will soon join him in the unemployment line, and it's hard to believe anyone will ever give him another job that involves being a leader of men.

The punishments — technically Cora's is still to come — fit the crime, and for that baseball commissioner Rob Manfred deserves a pat on the back. Give another one to Astros owner Jim Crane, who did his part to clean up an increasingly smelly mess in Houston by immediately firing both his manager and general manager.

But that doesn't bring real justice. It can't.

Not to the Los Angeles Dodgers, who are now at 32 years and counting without a World Series title. Not to Clayton Kershaw, whose postseason failings were magnified in game 5 at Minute Maid Park when the Dodgers ace was raked for six runs and didn't make it out of the fifth inning. And certainly not to Yu Darvish, whose reputation — and nearly his career — got trashed when he was routed by the Astros in two games of the 2017 World Series.

Yes, the official record shows the Houston Astros are still your 2017 World Series champions and that's not going to change regardless of the outcry from Southern California.

But does anyone really believe it?

Watch the second inning of Game 3 once again and then decide. That's when Darvish was touched up for four runs and the Astros took a 2-1 lead in the series.

It was almost as if the hitters knew what was coming — which, of course, they did.

If you're still not convinced, Game 5 should be evidence enough. Like Game 3 it took place at Minute Maid Park, where the cameras were rolling, the dugout trash can was booming and the Astros bats were blazing.

All with arguably the best pitcher in baseball since the turn of the century on the mound for the Dodgers. Kershaw didn't make it out of the fifth inning, surrendering six runs in a wild game that saw the Dodgers score a dozen times — and still lose.

Kershaw, Darvish and the rest of the Dodgers were called chokers. Manager Dave Roberts was taken to task on social media for not handling his pitchers properly.

It turns out what really happened is the Astros cheated. Cora, their bench coach at the time, concocted a scheme to steal signs that made an already good team even better.

To make matters worse, they celebrated on the field at Dodger Stadium like they had earned every moment of it.

The bitter taste still lingers for both Dodger fans and players.

"We were close, but we did it the right way," National League MVP Cody Bellinger told ESPN before the results of MLB's investigation were released.

It didn't help that the Dodgers would make the World Series the next year, too, only to see the visiting team celebrating a championship once again at Dodger Stadium. And who was the manager jumping up and down with his players and spraying champagne with his players for the second year in a row at Chavez Ravine?

That would be Cora, who at least for the moment is still the manager of the Red Sox. Manfred didn't discipline him Monday but

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host North Miami, a side winless in TRC play and 3-8 overall as both teams look for their first conference win on the night.

The Warriors have lost five straight games on the season including a double-digit loss to Manchester at the open of 2020. While Northfield opened 2020 with a win, back-to-back losses to Tippecanoe Valley and Madison-Grant followed.

On Saturday, Northfield returns to action on the road to meet winless Eastbrook. The Panthers are giving up 62.7 points per game while scoring just 40.7 on the season. Dating back to last season, Eastbrook has lost 20 of its last 21 games.

**Southwood (3-7) vs. Whitko, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m.**

Southwood returns home on Friday for a chance to regain its footing in the TRC. After losing to Wabash, the Knights can return to .500 with a victory over Whitko. The Wildcats, howev-

only because MLB is still investigating to see if Cora cheated in Boston as much as he did in Houston.

And cheat he did as the bench coach of the Astros, setting up the system that fed sign sequences to a monitor near the dugout. Manfred's investigation put Cora at the center of it all, and the guess is he will eventually be kicked out of baseball, never to return.

So now the Astros will go down in baseball infamy for being cheaters on a level never seen before. They're not quite the Black Sox of 1919 but the damage they've done to the sport is not insignificant.

Their reputation is in tatters, the feel good story of a city recovering from Hurricane Harvey obliterated. There's an asterisk attached to their championship, and no way for their fans to feel good about anything from the 2017 season.

There's also no way to make things right for the Dodgers, who were the real victims in all this. Baseball isn't about to vacate a title from three years back, and you can't claim a championship you didn't win on the field anyway, even if you were cheated.

In the end, the Dodgers never got to hold the World Series trophy. They sat and shed tears in their clubhouse after Game 7 instead of celebrating with 55,000 faithful fans.

There's one other thing they missed out on, as Darvish — who was pretty much run out of town by angry Dodger fans after the series — reminded everyone on Twitter after the news broke.

"If the Dodgers are planning a 2017 World Series parade, I would love to join!" Darvish tweeted. "So if that is in the works, can someone make a Yu Garbage Jersey for me?"

er, are unbeaten in TRC play through their first two games with wins over Tippecanoe Valley and Rochester. On the year, Whitko is averaging 58.1 points per game and allowing 62.1 defensively. The two sides have yet to face a common foe this season.

The Knights will first meet rivals Oak Hill on Tuesday before the contest - results were unavailable as of Plain Dealer deadline - and could be looking to avoid 3-9 start to the season for the second straight year.

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like Burrow.

After tossing his fifth touchdown pass of the night, a perfectly placed jumped ball to Terrace Marshall Jr. from 24 yards out to make it 42-25 with 12:08 left in the fourth, Burrow signaled TD and strolled to the sideline.

The Superdome is LSU's dome away from home, about 80 miles from the Tigers' Baton Rouge campus — and it was rocking.

The LSU band broke out its unofficial anthem, "Neck," and as the Tigers bounced and waved towels on the sideline, Burrow just sat on the bench, bobbing his head and waving one arm.

Joe Cool. Just doing his thing. Next stop: The NFL draft, where he will likely be the first pick in April.

The final score was lopsided, but it was far from easy for LSU and Burrow.

Clemson pushed LSU into the deepest hole it had to climb out of this season in the first half. Two weeks after Lawrence ran for a career-best 107 yards against Ohio State, he opened the scoring with a 1-yard jaunt around right end in the first quarter.

After B.T. Potter kicked

a career-long 52-yard field goal for Clemson to make it 10-7, the Tigers sprung receiver Tee Higgins on a 36-yard reverse for a score to make it 17-7 in the second quarter.

It took LSU 5:19 to wipe that out and take the lead, with Burrow and his favorite receiver, Ja'Marr Chase, doing most of the damage. The Heisman winner hit the Biletnikoff Award winner with a long ball to set up a quarterback draw from 3 yards out to make it 17-14.

Burrow and Chase hooked up for a 14-yard touchdown with 5:19 left in the second quarter and LSU fans erupted as their Tigers took the lead for the first time, 21-17. They never looked back.

Chase finished with nine catches for 221 yards.

The SEC Tigers weren't done. Burrow led LSU on a 95-yard drive, taking a hard shot on a long run before finding Thaddeus Moss, son of former NFL star receiver Randy Moss, standing alone in the end zone.

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"Coach Venables is great at what he does, it just took us a while to get it figured out," Burrow said.

Did they ever. LSU dropped 628 yards and six touchdowns on a Clemson team that came in allowing 264 yards and 11.5 points per game.

"Weapons all over the field. We've been seeing it all year," LSU safety Grant Delpit said. "Just seeing how many weapons we had on offense is just crazy."

Over the last three games of his spectacular season, against Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game and Oklahoma and Clemson in the playoff, Burrow passed for 1,305 yards and 16 touchdowns. LSU won those games by a combined score of 142-63.

When it was all over, Burrow puffed on a victory cigar as he made his way from the locker room to the postgame news conference. No one was about to tell him he couldn't smoke inside.

This season, LSU's newest football hero has done just about whatever he wants.

"I don't know about the whole hero thing," Burrow said, "but I know this national championship will be remembered for a long time in Louisiana."



TENNIS

# Bad air a concern for players at Australian Open

BY JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer

The air was considered hazardous for outdoor workers, and described as among the worst in the world. For professional tennis players, though, it was deemed to be OK for business.

A thick haze enveloped Melbourne as smoke from devastating wildfires drifted over Australia’s southeast. Fine particles in the air early Tuesday hit the worst of six levels on a scale from good to hazardous, before dropping into the second-worst category, “very poor.”

While public health warnings were regularly being broadcast, some players preparing for the Australian Open were outdoors trying to qualify for the first Grand Slam event of the decade.

There’s long been policies in place for tournament organizers to mitigate for the brutal heat that can be a factor in the Australian summer, and for rain. But problems with air quality are new, and Australian Open organizers are scrambling to deal with it amid the bush fire crisis.

“This is a new experience for all of us in how we manage air quality, so we have to listen to the experts,” Australian Open tournament director Craig Tiley said.

Victoria state’s Chief Health Officer, Brett Sutton, said “overnight for Melbourne it did reach the worst in the world.”

The noxious haze triggered false alarms from hundreds of smoke detectors. Conditions improved as the temperature increased. Predictions are for air quality to remain poor until Wednesday night.

Monitoring equipment has been installed at various locations within Melbourne Park, and Australian Open organizers have devised an air quality policy for players. They’ll consult with medical experts, the weather bureau and scientists from the Environment Protection Authority about whether it’s unsafe to play, Tiley said. Matches would be stopped if conditions became unsafe on medical advice.

Professor Yuming Guo, the head of the Climate Air Quality Research (CARE) Unit at Melbourne’s Monash University, suggested tennis organizers either delay the tournament, or stage matches only indoors.

“Absolutely. It’s very serious at the moment in Melbourne,” Guo told the Associated Press in a telephone interview. “A low level of air pollution is

a real hazard for human health ... so, such high levels in Melbourne is very serious for personal health.

“In general, Melbourne has very good air quality,” Guo added, but at “this stage, air pollution is very serious — terrible.”

Players have previously raised concerns about the health impacts of playing tournaments in parts of China, India and other venues where air quality is at hazardous levels.

“I think the air pollution here because of the bush fires is much worse than Beijing, Mumbai or Delhi,” Guo said.

Novak Djokovic, who has won a record seven Australian Open men’s titles, expressed concerns about the conditions in Melbourne while he was playing at the ATP Cup further north in Brisbane and Sydney last week. His Serbia team won the ATP Cup, beating Rafael Nadal’s Spain in the final. Both top-ranked players are part of the men’s player council, which will meet this week to discuss air quality issues.

The Australian Open starts on Monday, and play in the qualifying tournament can potentially continue until Sunday. There are contingencies for all extremes.

But players have already been affected. At the Kooyong Classic exhibition event, former No. 1 Maria Sharapova struggled in the heat and smoke before her match against Laura Siegemund was called off in the second set.

In Australian Open qualifiers, Dalila Jakupovic was leading against Stefanie Voegele when she dropped to her knees with a coughing spell. She had breathing difficulties and had to retire from the match.

“I was really scared that I would collapse,” Jakupovic told Australian Associated Press. “I never had breathing problems. I actually like heat. But ... I just couldn’t breathe anymore and I just fell on the floor.”

Jakupovic said it was “not fair” she’d been asked to play.

Other players, including Alize Cornet, took to social media to say it was a bad idea to be playing.

Eugenie Bouchard, the 2014 Wimbledon finalist, needed medical assistance during her first qualifying match before beating You Xiaodi in almost three hours. Bernard Tomic was rubbing his eyes before his match and needed a medical timeout for breathing issues before losing to Denis Kudla.

Guo advises people to stay indoors, and use air-conditioning and purifiers if accessible. When going outdoors, he recommends people wear appropriate masks.

Melbourne has three stadium courts with retractable roofs and air-conditioning. There are eight indoor courts at the National Tennis Centre, adjacent to the Melbourne Park site.

Those could be used for the Australian Open in extreme circumstances, and are already heavily booked for practice. Organizers are concerned, but not in a panic about the impact of the air quality on the tournament.

Fires have raged in large parts of Australia, but the metropolitan areas of Sydney and Melbourne have been relatively fire free. The air quality problem is caused by the wind, which has even spread the smoke across the Tasman Sea to New Zealand.

Sports events have been postponed or moved — including an Australian Open tuneup event in Canberra that had to be moved from the capital last week because of air quality issues.

Guo said sports organizers Down Under should be considering long-term strategies for dealing with it.

“Maybe they need to make a plan for the future — Plan B or Plan C,” he said. “Some studies have already been done that show because of climate change, the bush fires will be more and more frequent, last longer and (be) more intense. So the bush fire air pollution will be a very serious problem.”

At least 27 people are dead, including four firefighters, from the fires in four states which have destroyed more than 2,000 homes, killed millions of animals, and scorched an area larger than the U.S. state of Indiana since September. Tennis stars including Serena Williams and other athletes and celebrities have contributed to the fundraising effort for victims of the fires and the volunteers fighting the blazes.

From Monday, there’ll be 128 players in each of the men’s and women’s singles draws, plus others in doubles, juniors and wheelchair events. And a small army of volunteers, ballkids, umpires and line judges, and catering staff.

Then, of course, there’s the fans. The 2019 Australian Open hit a record 796,435 for attendance, including more than a half-million in the first week. So there’s more than a match schedule to consider.

GOLF

# Koepka ready to get back to work after nearly 3 months off

BY DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

HONOLULU — Brooks Koepka hasn’t been the same since he tied for third in the FedEx Cup final in August, and hasn’t felt entirely healthy since last March.

He wouldn’t rate himself full strength now.

Koepka returns to competition this week in the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, his first tournament since he reinjured his left knee in South Korea at the CJ Cup. He said Tuesday his left knee “doesn’t feel the same as my right.”

“It probably won’t for a while, but it does feel stable,” Koepka said. “Leaving Korea and all the way up to about a month ago, it just didn’t feel stable. It felt like it could either way. It could go left, out, back.”

Koepka says he’s had issues since March and just dealt with them. He still managed to win the PGA Championship for the second straight year and pick up his first World Golf Championship. During his short offseason, Koepka had stem cell treatment on his left knee because the patella tendon was partially torn.

Then, he was walking off a tee when he slipped on a wet piece of cement, went to brace himself from falling and reinjured the knee. He said his knee cap moved into the fat pad, which he described as “excruciating.”

He had physical therapy in San Diego for most of December and says he started hitting balls right before Christmas. Koepka said he wouldn’t have flown to the United Arab Emirates if he didn’t feel healthy, and that his speed and everything else about his game were the same as before he was hurt at the CJ Cup.

“From that moment on, after a couple days of hitting balls and not feeling pain, it was like, ‘OK, I could get back here and do this and finally play,’” he said.

## A NAME FROM THE PAST

The first player of note from an emerging golf nation is not always the best one. As Li Haotong of China was making his debut at the Presidents Cup, Guan Tianlang was preparing to qualify for the PGA Tour Series-China.

Guan, who won the Asia-Pacific Amateur and then made the cut at the Masters and Zurich Classic when he was 14, made it through. Despite closing with a 79, he tied for 10th last week to earn full status for the season in China.

Guan is a sophomore at Arizona and is still an amateur.

“I think I will turn pro soon,” he said, adding there was a “good chance” he would play China’s opening tournament. “But I still need some time to think about everything. I might also balance school and play professional events.”

Guan says he expected some highs and lows after his Masters performance. “I think that I’m trending in the right direction now,” he said.

## G-MAC STYLE

Graeme McDowell can add his name to the list of players who went searching for distance and lost sight of their game.

McDowell was enthusiastic at the Sony Open, and that was before he closed with rounds of 67-64 for the best weekend score at wet Waialae. It gave him a tie for fourth, his best finish since winning in the Dominican Republic last spring.

He attributes that to getting back to his normal flight with irons.

McDowell started working in August with Kevin Kirk, also the swing coach for Patrick Reed.

“The first thing I said was I’ve got to start hitting

it lower again,” McDowell said. “I’m not playing the wind anymore. That was my bread and butter.”

He still works with Pete Cowen, but McDowell said their schedules didn’t mesh as much with McDowell out of the top 50 and not playing in all the majors or World Golf Championships.

Where did he lose his way? “It probably came from trying to launch the drive too high in a little search for a wee bit of distance,” he said. “I got an iron in my hand, it was vertical. That’s not me. I needed to hit the ball back down to a good window.”

For two weeks in the Hawaii wind, he said he was “back to G-Mac style.”

## SHORT ROAD, LONG SHOT

For the host country of the Tokyo Olympics, Hideki Matsuyama (No. 21) and Shugo Imahira (No. 33) are the leading candidates to represent Japan.

Next in line is Ryo Ishikawa at No. 83. Ishikawa showed signs of getting back to form last year when he won three times on the Japan Golf Tour, his first titles since 2016 and his biggest year in Japan since 2010. The problem facing him now is a schedule.

Ishikawa is part of a solid field this week in the Singapore Open, co-sanctioned by Japan. Among those playing are Justin Rose, Henrik Stenson and Matt Kuchar. Otherwise, the Japan Golf Tour season doesn’t start until a week after the Masters. That would leave Ishikawa only six events on his home tour before the cutoff for the Olympics.

Ishikawa is looking for sponsor exemptions, with his eye on the Genesis Invitational at Riviera and perhaps the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill. He made his U.S. debut at Riviera in 2009 when he was 17.

## POLICY BOARD

Six new players were selected for the 16-member Player Advisory Council this year, the group tasked with listening to players and conveying their thoughts to the four members of the PGA Tour’s policy board. The newcomers include Russell Knox and Harry Higgs.

More telling was who was put up for election as PAC chairman, who next year would join the policy board — Justin Thomas, Charley Hoffman and Peter Malnati. That assures a streak that probably should have ended long ago. No foreign-born player has ever been on the policy board.

Last year, 48 of the 125 players who qualified for the FedEx Cup postseason were international players, including 12 of the 30 who reached the Tour Championship.

The others on the PAC: Ryan Armour, Paul Casey, Zach Johnson, Anirban Lahiri, Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm and Harold Varner III all served last year. Also new for this year are David Hearn, Billy Horschel, Ryan Palmer and Kevin Streelman.

Missing from the list is Bryson DeChambeau. Last year at The Northern Trust, when he was criticized for how long it took him to play a shot, DeChambeau said, “I’ve asked to be on the PAC committee for three years, and it takes time to get on there.”

Higgs is a rookie, although the PAC is evenly populated by players young and old, high and low in the FedEx Cup.

The election for PAC Chairman ends on Feb. 7.

## STAT OF THE WEEK

Lanto Griffin was 7-under par on the 18th hole of the Sony Open. He played the other 68 holes in 1 under.

NBA

# It’s halftime in the NBA, and time to look at some trends

BY TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

It’s halftime.

The midway point of the NBA regular season arrives this week — there are 1,230 games between October and April, and after Thursday night’s slate goes into the books 618 games will have been played with 612 left to go.

Making statistical judgments after a few games, or even a few weeks, isn’t the wisest thing. But with 50% of the season done, it seems like appropriate enough of a sample size to point out a few trends.

## 3’S, AGAIN

The league records for 3-pointers made and attempted are going to get broken for the eighth consecutive year.

But the growth rate in that department seems to be slowing down.

First, the numbers: NBA teams combined to make 27,955 3-pointers last season and attempt 78,742, both of which are records. That was an increase of 8.3% on makes from 2017-18 and an increase of 10.4% on attempts.

This year, the league is on pace to make more than 29,000 3-pointers and attempt nearly 83,000 of them. Both would be records, of course, but the increases over last season are on pace to be only 4.7% on makes and 5.1% on attempts.

And while the league’s love affair with the 3-pointer is nothing new, it’s still a bit mindboggling to put it in perspective. When this soon-to-be-eight-year run of record-setting began, NBA teams made 17,603 3’s and attempted 49,067 of them.

How much has it changed? This year’s projected final numbers, compared to those — up 66% percent on makes, up 69% on attempts.

## SCORING DOWN (SORT OF)

Maybe defenses have caught up to the offense-friendly officiating emphasis that went into place at the start of last season.

Scoring is down a tiny bit from last year. In 2018-19, teams averaged

111.2 points per game. This year, it’s down to 110.4 per game.

But that is still on pace to be the 15th-highest scoring season in the NBA’s 74-year history — and the second-highest in the last 35 years.

## JAMES HARDEN

Any look at numbers must include what Houston guard James Harden is doing.

He’s averaging 37.7 points per game, putting him on pace for the fifth-highest mark in NBA history. Wilt Chamberlain owns the top three (50.4 in 1961-62, 44.8 in 1962-63 and 38.4 in 1960-61). Elgin Baylor is fourth, at 38.3 per game in 1961-62.

Harden’s scoring will be (and already has been) a rallying cry for his MVP candidacy, just as it was last season when he averaged 36.1 points per game — and Milwaukee’s Giannis Antetokounmpo won the award.

Precedent is not in Harden’s MVP favor.

Chamberlain didn’t win MVP in his three highest-scoring seasons, nor did Baylor when he had his best scoring year. In all three cases, Boston’s Bill Russell won the award — without averaging more than 18.9 points per game in that stretch. He did average nearly 24 rebounds in each of those seasons, and the Celtics won the NBA championship in all three of those years as well.

Harden, however, could seriously challenge the 3-point single-season record. Golden State’s Stephen Curry made 402 in his unanimous MVP season of 2015-16; Harden is on pace for 414 this season, provided he plays in every Houston game the rest of the way.

## LEBRON’S ASSISTS

LeBron James is well on his way to winning his first assist crown, leading the NBA with 10.7 per game entering Monday — more than one assist per game ahead of Phoenix’s Ricky Rubio.

Like so many other things James does, an assist crown would be historic.

James is 35. He would become the second-oldest assist champion in NBA history; Steve Nash was 37 when he won that title for the final time.

As far as first-time winners, James would become the oldest.

Jerry West won his lone assist title when he was 33. Lenny Wilkens and Mark Jackson were both 32. Wilt Chamberlain and Rod Strickland were both 31.

Even Utah’s John Stockton — the king of assists — was 34 when he won his final assist title.

## A LOT OF GOOD ...

There is a chance that there could be as many 50-win teams as the league has ever seen.

At the midway mark, there are 12 teams with realistic chances of getting to 50 wins this season. If they all get there — and it’s not exactly probable, either — it would tie the record for most teams reaching that standard in a single season.

The mark is 12 set in 2009-10. That season, Boston, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Cleveland, Phoenix, Dallas, the Los Angeles Lakers, Utah, Portland, Orlando, Denver and Atlanta all won between 50 and 61 games.

## ... AND A LOT OF BAD

Meanwhile, there are 17 teams on pace to finish with losing records.

As of now, there are the 12 teams with a great shot at 50 or more wins.

Then there’s Oklahoma City, the lone team in the middle, on pace for about 46 wins.

And then there is everyone else, all with records below .500 at this point.

Call it an erosion of the NBA’s middle class. The last time the league had only one team finish between 41 and 49 wins — including adjustments for labor-issue-related shortened seasons — was 1966-67. Of course, the NBA only had 10 teams then, with two (Philadelphia and Boston) having winning percentages of .741 or better, the San Francisco Warriors at 44-37, and then the other seven teams all with losing records.



Man’s explosive anger causes concern for easygoing fiancée

DEAR ABBY: I’m engaged to a wonderful guy. He is very sweet, and I’m beyond thankful for him. I wouldn’t trade him for the world. But he has a character flaw that’s hard to ignore. When he gets frustrated, he screams out loud and takes a while to get himself together.

Dear Abby



When he lost his phone on a plane and was angry for hours, he pouted and scowled like the world had just ended. I have a very easygoing personality, and I don’t understand this type of behavior. (He contacted his phone provider, and a new phone was delivered to him within 24 hours.)

When I talked to him about his anger, he said sometimes people get frustrated and show emotions. He added that he has noticed this issue, and it’s something he’s been working on for years. What should I do or say the next time we encounter a mishap and he becomes angry? — Wondering In Washington, D.C.

DEAR WONDERING: Your fiancé may be a perfectionist or even have a touch of OCD, which is why he is so hard on himself when he makes a mistake and becomes frustrated. For his own sake (and yours), he needs to find a better way of venting his emotions.

While anger is something everyone experiences at one time or another, most people start learning to control it during childhood. While pouting and scowling are acceptable, your fiancé “screaming” over losing his cellphone seems over the top. Not only that, it is intimidating. My booklet “The Anger in All of Us and How To Deal With It” contains suggestions for managing and constructively channeling anger in various situations. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus a check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Your fiancé needs to learn to channel his emotions more constructively because if he doesn’t, it may eventually drive others away. We live in increasingly stressful times. It takes self-control as well as maturity to react calmly instead of exploding. Being in touch with his emotions will not only help your fiancé calm himself without losing it, it will also help him maintain the respect of others.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend and co-worker who likes to play with my hair, rub my back and put her hands on me in general. I am not a touchy-feely kind of person with ANYONE, and it makes me very uncomfortable when she does this. Is there a polite way of telling her to stop without making her feel uncomfortable or hurting her feelings? I’m not a “beat around the bush” kind of person, and I sometimes lack the tact of putting things nicely. — No Touchy-Feely

DEAR NO TOUCHY-FEELY: To express your feelings would not be lacking in tact; it would be setting a boundary. Try this: “I like you very much, and I know the feelings are mutual, but I do not like to be touched, and I want you to stop doing it.”

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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ACROSS

- 1 Relocation pro
- 6 Jessica of “Murder, She Wrote”
- 12 Singer Frankie —
- 14 German city
- 15 Canal site
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- 17 Ore neighbor
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- 19 Crumple
- 21 Andy Capp’s quaff
- 23 Kimono fastener
- 26 Affirmative
- 27 Reporter’s query
- 28 Cut of meat
- 30 Long sigh
- 31 Summer Games org.
- 32 Space station view
- 33 Trudges along

35 Novelist

- Follett
- 37 Swimsuit piece
- 38 Thong
- 39 And, for Wolfgang
- 40 Immeasurable time
- 41 Border
- 42 Decide on
- 43 Store info
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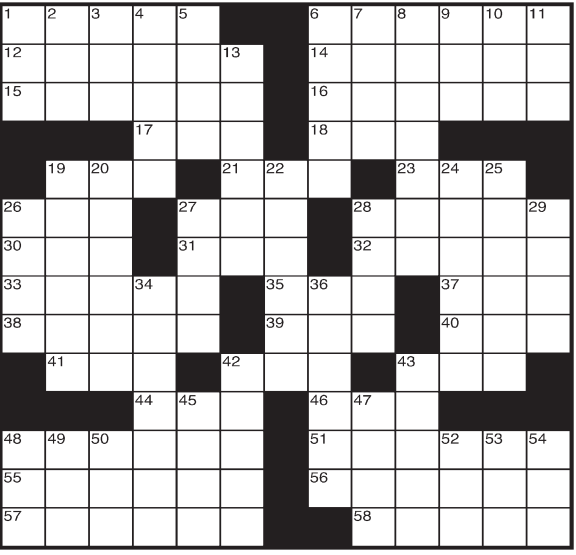
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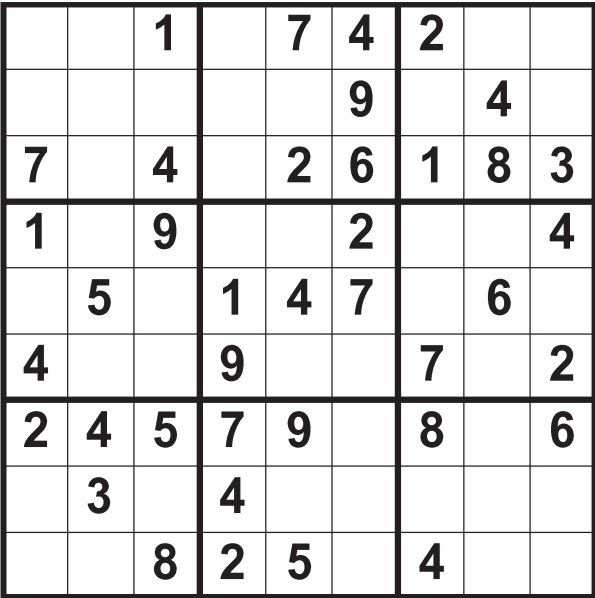


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- 26 Shrill barks
- 27 Trace of smoke
- 28 Manage for oneself
- 29 Kublai —
- 34 Soggiest
- 36 Goes in
- 42 Eyed impolitely
- 43 Scavenging animal
- 45 Alleviate
- 47 Go off the — end
- 48 Fuse word
- 49 South Seas staple
- 50 Place
- 52 Tool set
- 53 Aurora, to Plato
- 54 Like the Sahara



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆



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How to play:

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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4	3	1	2	8	6	5	7	9
5	8	6	4	9	7	3	2	1
1	5	9	6	2	4	8	3	7
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9	7	5	1	4	8	2	6	3
3	1	4	9	6	2	7	8	5

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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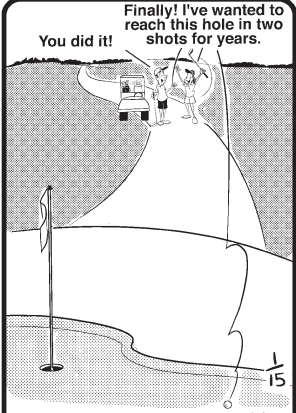
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Jumbles: DRIFT KNIFE EUREKA HOLLOW

Answer: When the sisters started a business together, much of what they did was — WORK-RELATED

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

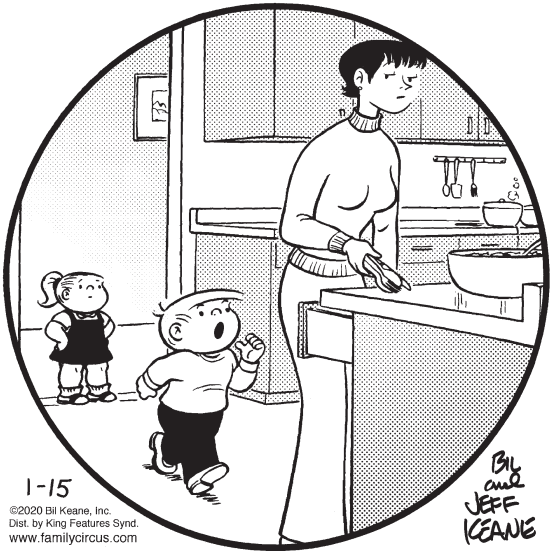


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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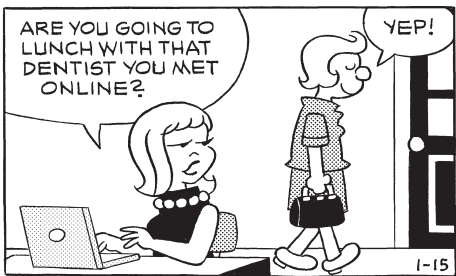
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By Bil Keane

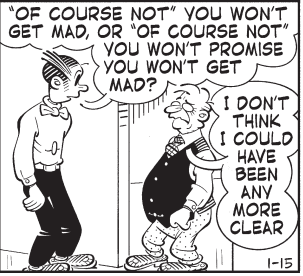
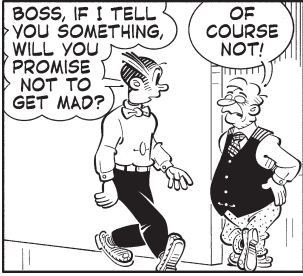


“Mommy, which of us is the opposite sex, Dolly or me?”

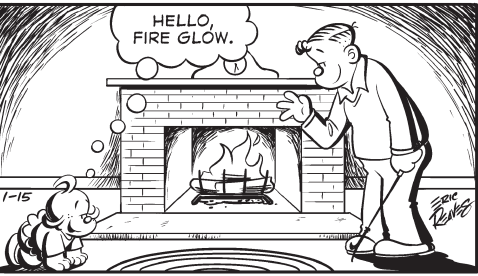
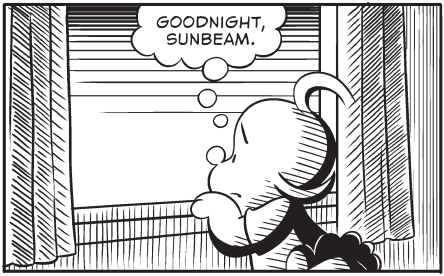
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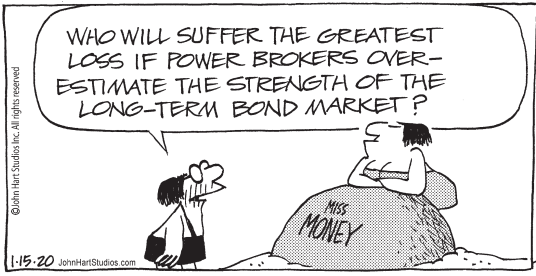
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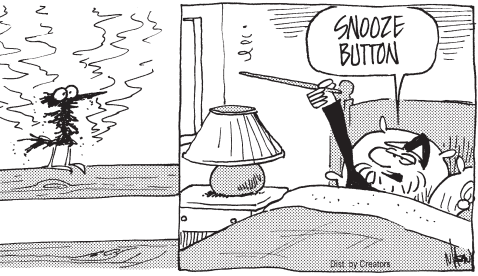
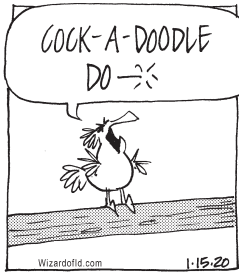
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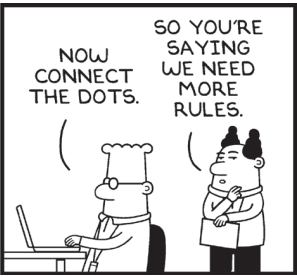
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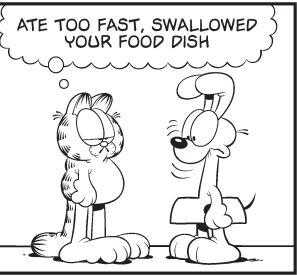
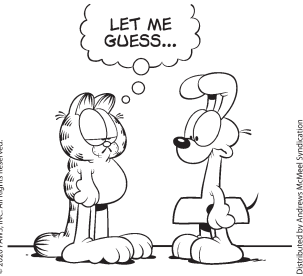
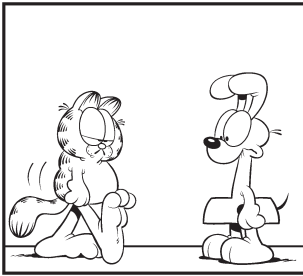
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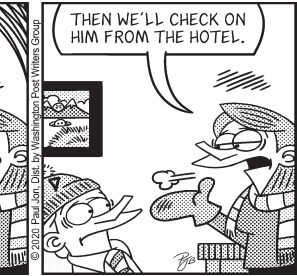
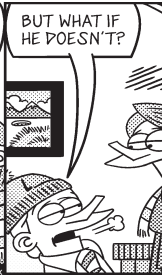
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God’s message of salvation is for all people

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: Why is the Gospel message a conflicting message? Preachers can’t even agree. Some say the Gospel is for everyone, and others say the Gospel is only for those God chooses. What is the truth? — M.U.

A: The study of Scripture is important. When the Bible says, “The entirety of Your word is truth” (Psalm 119:160), it is vital to understand that the Bible does not contradict itself but interprets itself.

God’s message of salvation is for all people. He died for the sins of the whole world (John 3:16). “Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). God our Savior “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth” (1 Timothy 2:4).



This word “whoever” is a wonderfully big word; it speaks of the grace of God and His invitation that extends to all people: “For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him” (Romans 10:12).

Christianity is centered on the Gospel that brings comfort and the assurance that God will forgive sin. Now this doesn’t mean that all people will indeed call upon the name of the Lord for salvation. The majority of people resist Him, block His voice out, and ultimately reject Him.

The Bible teaches that life is only a vapor that appears for a moment and then vanishes (James 4:14). Every cemetery testifies to this fact. This is why God calls out to the nations of the world to get right with Him. History will someday come to an end, rendering the world’s system dominated by evil a total failure. Wickedness in every form will cease: hatred, greed, jealousy, war, and death. This “day of the Lord” will be glorious, when He comes to bring peace to the “whosoever.” Be part of this wonderful host of people who love Him.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“K’E C SKULIPP. K FCDI ZUGX NGJP. K’E C EUE. K BCLY YU YCWI NCXI UZ ET WKAP CLA VXUYINY YFIE.” — FIKAK WSGE

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TODAY’S CLUE: A sphenoid





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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Sheriff's Sale File Number: 85-20-0004-SS  
Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.  
Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement, Miami Street Entrance, 79 W. Main Street, Wabash, IN  
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$31,876.86

Cause No. 85D01-1903-MF-000153  
Plaintiff: Freedom Mortgage Corporation  
Defendant: Gary D. Cooper and Fifth Third Mortgage Company

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Wabash Superior Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at 79 West Main Street, Wabash, IN 46992, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

Lot Number One Hundred Sixty-eight (168) in Ross Height's Addition to the city of Wabash, in Wabash County, Indiana.

Commonly Known as: 266 SHERMAN ST., WABASH, IN 46992-1112

Parcel No. 85-14-02-301-149.000-009

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Ryan Baker, Sheriff of Wabash County  
By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant  
Phone: (260) 563-8891

Township of property location: Noble Common street address of property: 266 Sherman St, Wabash, IN 46992-1112  
Property Tax ID: 85-14-02-301-149.000-009

Attorney: BRYAN K. REDMOND  
Attorney Number: 22108-29  
Law Firm: Feiwell & Hannoy, P.C.  
Contact Number: (317) 237-2727  
F&H Reference #: 100621F01

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Date of Sale: February 11, 2020

Judgment to be Satisfied: \$62,821.12  
Cause No: 85C01-1908-MF-000668  
Plaintiff: Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper  
Defendant: Charles Teeter, et al.

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Wabash County, Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, at the hour of 10:00 AM of said day as listed above, at the Wabash County Sheriff's Department, 79 W Main St, Wabash, IN, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Wabash County, Indiana:

The following real estate situated in the County of Wabash, State of Indiana, is described as follows:

The North thirty-two (32) feet of lot number one hundred sixty-eight (168) in the Original Plat of the Town of North Manchester, Indiana.

Also: The South four (4) feet in equal width off of the west one-half of lot number one hundred sixty-seven (167) in the Original Plat of the Town of North Manchester, Indiana.

Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. This Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of the above-described real estate upon the owners, pursuant to requirements of IC 32-29-7-3.

Ryan Baker, of Wabash County  
Township of property location: Chester  
Common street address of property: 203 S Mill Street, North Manchester, IN 46962  
Property tax ID: 85-07-05-201-117-000-002

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